

One Month Later: More than \$11.9 Million in Federal Assistance Provided to St. Clair County Flood Survivors

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY, Ill. – It’s been one month since President Biden signed the disaster declaration for St. Clair County, Illinois. While the effects of the devastating flood that took place in July will be felt in the communities for some time, federal, state and local agencies are working hard to get much needed assistance into the hands of survivors. To date, more than **\$11.9** million has been approved in federal grants, loans and flood insurance payments.

“The opportunities provided by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Individual Assistance Program from FEMA are critical to the continued recovery of those impacted by this natural disaster,” said Illinois Governor JB Pritzker.

As of Nov. 14, 2022:

- FEMA has approved **\$10.1** million for individuals and households, including **\$1.3** for other disaster-related needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved **\$722,000** in disaster loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses.
- The National Flood Insurance Program has received **71** claims and paid **\$1.1** million.

“We continue to work to explore and share all available options for those affected in St. Clair County,” said Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “We remain committed to providing aid and support with resources every step of the way.”

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams have been canvassing St. Clair County to meet with community leaders and survivors. These DSA teams have knocked on more than **2,000** doors and interacted with **1,260** survivors.



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Federal and state personnel are staffing two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in St. Clair County where survivors can go to apply for assistance, ask questions about their application or get information about types of assistance programs available to them. More than **1,800** visitors to the DRCs have been helped so far.

“The July flood was unprecedented, and its impacts will be felt in the community for a long time,” said Waddy Gonzalez, Federal Coordinating Officer with FEMA. “With the help of our state and local partners, though, we’re working to make sure survivors can access resources to help them with their recovery.”

Homeowners and renters in St. Clair County who were affected by the July flooding can visit a DRC at either of the two locations:

Clyde Jordan Senior Citizen Center: 6755 State St., East St. Louis, Illinois 62203

Caseyville Village Hall: 909 South Main St., Caseyville, Illinois 62232

Recovery Centers are closed on Sundays. Hours for the next two weeks are:

Week of November 14

8 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturday

Week of November 21 – Holiday Hours

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY – Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY – Friday, day after Thanksgiving

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday



FEMA staff have also been working hard to follow-up with applicants to make sure they receive all possible assistance available to them. More than **\$139,000** in additional assistance has been approved for disaster survivors after FEMA has been able to get in touch with applicants. Often, something as simple as a missing document can change an applicant's eligibility status and open up additional assistance funds. If you miss a call from FEMA, make sure to return the call. We are here to help you.

Homeowners and renters can also apply for assistance by calling 1-800-621-3362, going online to DisasterAssistance.gov, or downloading the FEMA App.

The deadline to apply for federal assistance with FEMA is **December 16**.

For disaster updates from FEMA, follow [@FEMAreion5](https://twitter.com/FEMAreion5) on Twitter, and turn on mobile notifications. Visit the disaster webpage at fema.gov/disaster/4676.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call **FEMA toll-free at 833-285-7448**. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish and 3 for other languages).

For disaster updates from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), follow @ReadyIllinois on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ReadyIllinois), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ReadyIllinois) and turn on mobile notifications. <http://www.illinois.gov/iema/> continues to be a go-to, single source to help Illinois residents easily find information and disaster-related resources.

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