

Federal Support for Hurricane Ian Tops \$2.35 Billion; Disaster Recovery Centers Reopen

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WASHINGTON -- More than \$2.35 billion in federal grants, disaster loans and flood insurance payments has been provided to the state of Florida and households to help survivors jumpstart their recovery after Hurricane Ian.

FEMA has provided \$730 million to households and \$322 million to the state for emergency response, while the U.S. Small Business Administration has provided \$794 million in disaster loans and the National Flood Insurance Program has paid \$509 million in claims. Disaster Recovery Centers in 21 counties reopened today after being temporarily closed.

How FEMA Is Helping Floridians

- **FEMA has made individual assistance available to 26 counties in Florida.** Residents in Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties are eligible to apply for Individual Assistance.
- **FEMA is meeting survivors where they are to help jumpstart their recoveries.** Disaster Survivor Assistance specialists are going door-to-door in Florida neighborhoods to help individuals register for assistance. These teams have interacted with more than **102,000** survivors in counties designated for Individual Assistance.
- **Disaster Recovery Centers reopened** in Brevard, Charlotte, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee (3), Manatee, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia counties.
- **FEMA is providing Transitional Sheltering Assistance in 26 counties to survivors eligible for temporary hotel stays.** As of today, the program is



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providing housing for **2,580** households with **6,455** members.

- **Hundreds of FEMA inspectors** have performed over **207,000** home inspections for survivors who applied for federal disaster assistance.
- **FEMA is providing temporary housing to eligible Hurricane Ian survivors in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Lee and Sarasota counties.** FEMA approved Direct Temporary Housing Assistance to provide options for those whose homes are uninhabitable because of the hurricane. FEMA determined that rental assistance is insufficient to meet the housing need in those counties because of a lack of available housing resources. FEMA will notify applicants who are eligible for direct housing. It will take time to transport, permit, install and inspect these units before they are available. Direct Temporary Housing Assistance may be provided for up to 18 months from Sept. 29, 2022, the date of the federal disaster declaration, to March 28, 2024.
- **The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved \$794 million in low-interest disaster loans** to homeowners, renters and business owners. Business Recovery Centers are located in Collier, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee and Seminole counties.
- **As of Nov. 13, FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has received more than 44,100 flood insurance claims and paid more than \$509 million to policyholders.**
- **NFIP policyholders may receive up to \$1,000** to reimburse the purchase of supplies like sandbags, plastic sheeting and lumber. They may also receive up to \$1,000 in storage expenses if they moved insured property. Policyholders should file a claim for flood loss avoidance reimbursement, regardless of whether it was successful in preventing flood damage.
- FEMA is conducting local hiring for more than 300 jobs in Brandon, Fort Myers, Kissimmee, Orlando and Sarasota. These positions are full-time, 120-day appointments that may be extended depending on operational needs. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online through USAJobs.gov.
- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to eligible survivors.** Floridians can file a claim for loss of income caused by Hurricane Ian by going to [Disaster Unemployment Assistance - FloridaJobs.org](https://DisasterUnemploymentAssistance-FloridaJobs.org) and selecting "Apply for Hurricane Ian DUA," visiting a [local CareerSource Career Center](#), or calling 800-385-3920. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET.
- **Low-income Florida residents recovering from Hurricane Ian may be eligible for assistance from the Department of Agriculture's Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).** Survivors can find



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more information on Florida's D-SNAP program by visiting the Florida Department of Children and Families' [Hurricane Ian Response & Recovery](#) website.

- **Operation Blue Roof has installed 20,158 roofs** in Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Lee and Sarasota counties.
- **National Flood Insurance Program Florida policyholders who had flood damage from the hurricane have a 90-day window to renew their policies.** The extension applies to policies with renewal dates beginning Aug. 25, 2022 through Oct. 23, 2022. Policyholders whose renewal date is in this range should contact their agent or insurance company. FEMA also extended the proof of loss requirement for flood insurance policyholders in Florida who experienced flood damage from Hurricane Ian from 60 to 365 days. For more information on how to file a flood insurance claim, visit [How to Start Your Flood Insurance Claim](#).
- If you or a member of your household uses adaptive or accessibility items that were damaged by Hurricane Ian, you may be eligible for FEMA assistance for those items. For homeowners, items can include an exterior ramp, grab bars and a paved pathway to the home's entrance from a vehicle. Awards do not count toward your Housing Assistance or Personal Property maximum awards. For more information for homeowners and renters, visit [Update to FEMA's Individual Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#).



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