

# FEMA Individual Assistance

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FEMA disaster assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household for uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs.

## Housing Assistance

Money to help you with expenses for damage that impacted your home, which may include:

- **Rental Assistance:** Money you can use to rent housing if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- **Lodging Expense Reimbursement:** Money to reimburse you for emergency lodging expenses, such as hotel or motel, if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster. This money is only available if you do not receive money for Displacement under Other Needs Assistance.
- **Home Repair or Replacement:** Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. For example, this may include addressing mold caused by the disaster, or money for hazard mitigation measures, which are example actions you can take when making repairs that will help reduce the amount of damage to your home in future disasters. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts of your home where the disaster caused further damage.
- **Accessibility Needs:** Money to help survivors with a disability with specific repairs to make sure their home is accessible, such as exterior ramp, grab bars, and paved path to the home entrance. Repairs can be made when these items are damaged. Improvements can be made when those features were not present prior to the disaster, and they are needed due to a pre-existing disability or a disability caused by the disaster.
- **Privately-owned Roads, Bridges, Docks:** Money for survivors whose only access to their home has been damaged by the disaster.

## Other Needs Assistance



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Money to help you with necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster, such as:

- **Serious Needs:** Money to help you pay for immediate needs such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, personal hygiene items and fuels for transportation.
- **Displacement:** Money to help with immediate housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit.
- **Personal Property:** Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster. This can also include money for books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- **Medical/Dental:** Money to help you pay for expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness. This money can also be used to help replace medical/dental equipment, breastfeeding equipment, or prescribed medicine damaged or lost because of the disaster.
- **Funeral:** Money to help you pay for funeral or reburial expenses caused by the disaster.
- **Child Care:** Money to help you pay for increased or childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- **Assistance for Miscellaneous Items:** Money to help you pay for specific items, (such as a generator, dehumidifier, chainsaw, etc.) that you purchased or rented after the disaster to assist with recovery. The miscellaneous items may be used for gaining access to your property or with cleaning efforts caused by the disaster.
- **Transportation:** Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don't have another vehicle you can use.
- **Moving and Storage Expenses:** Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while you are making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.

## Apply to FEMA

To apply for FEMA disaster assistance, you can go online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/assistance), download the [FEMA App](#) for mobile devices, or call toll-free 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.



For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Illinois, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4819](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4819).



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