

North Carolina Renters Can Apply for FEMA Assistance

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Renters in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties whose homes and property were damaged by Tropical Storm Fred can apply for federal disaster assistance.

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants can help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a 1-month or 2-month period and can be reviewed for further assistance. [The registration deadline is Nov. 8, 2021.](#)

Renters may also qualify for a grant under FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program for uninsured essential personal property losses and other disaster-related expenses. These may include:

- Replacement or repair of necessary personal property, such as furniture, appliances, clothing, textbooks or school supplies
- Replacement or repair of tools and other job-related equipment required by the self-employed
- Primary vehicles
- Uninsured or out-of-pocket medical, dental, childcare, moving and storage expenses

Survivors in Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania counties can apply at DisasterAssistance.gov; by calling 800-621-3362; or by using the [FEMA app](#). If you use a relay service, such as a videophone, InnoCaption, or CapTel, give FEMA the number for that service. Lines are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time, seven days a week.

SBA loans



Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofit organizations from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and other sources.

If referred, applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/ or by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY)** or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Renters may be eligible for up to \$40,000, depending on their losses. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Nov. 8, 2021.

SBA is operating a Business Recovery Center at Haywood Community College Regional High-Tech Center, 112 Industrial Park Dr., Room 3021, Waynesville, N.C. 28786. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday.

The following FEMA video explains how renters may be able to get federal help after a disaster in American Sign Language (ASL):

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