

President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Oklahoma

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WASHINGTON – FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Oklahoma to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding beginning on May 7, 2019, and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Muskogee, Tulsa, and Wagoner counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available to the state, tribal, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work damaged by these severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. As part of the Public Assistance program, assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding to Muskogee, Tulsa, and Wagoner counties.

In addition, emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding for Haskell, Kay, Le Flore, Noble, Osage, Pawnee, and Sequoyah counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for statewide.

Gerard M. Stolar has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Stolar said additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of further damage assessments.



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Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621- 3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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