

FEMA Administrator Releases Video Message to the Public for Assistance in Strengthening Programs

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WASHINGTON -- To help gain additional responses to FEMA's [public Request for Information](#), FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell released a [video message](#) today urging stakeholders, community groups and general citizens to help shape the agency's future.

This request for information asks 16 questions that will help to inform and change the agency's future delivery of programs, help strengthen our resilience to climate change and ensure we are advancing equity in underserved communities.

"This is one of my top priorities for this administration and I want to hear from you," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "We want to know what we can do to make our programs better and more equitable. I've seen disasters first hand, and I've seen the disproportionate impact on communities that these disasters have. We have an opportunity right now and we should embrace the fact that we have this opportunity to listen to you and make changes to our programs."

Feedback to these questions can help identify areas where the agency's programs can be modified to better align with President Biden's Executive Orders [13985](#), [13990](#), and [14008](#). The public comment period is open until July 21.

FEMA believes it is essential to continually reevaluate its programs to reduce unnecessary barriers to participation and effectiveness, to serve all communities, increase equity and promote preparedness.

