# **Buncombe County at a Glance**

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Since the federal disaster declaration for Tropical Storm Fred, Buncombe County residents have received more than \$2.9 million in federal funds as of Nov. 8, 2021:

- \$591,868 in FEMA grants to homeowners and renters.
- \$1,667,217 in claims paid to National Flood Insurance Program policyholders.
- \$646,600 in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans approved for homeowners, renters and businesses (as of Oct. 31, 2021).

## **Individual Assistance in Buncombe County:**

- 198 homeowners and renters have been approved for \$591,868 in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
  - \$544,193 in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.
  - \$47,675 in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- 62 homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance.
- 699 home inspections issued; 680 completed.
- **Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams** (DSAT) went door to door in Buncombe County, conducting outreach to **710** households to offer help with registration and provide referrals to other resources.
- A Document Drop-off Center operated until Oct. 2 to help survivors with registration, application updates and referrals.

#### ■ IA Assistance in Asheville:

- 47 homeowners and renters have been approved for \$214,554 in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
  - \$200,529 in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.



- \$14,025 in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- 22 homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance. •

#### IA Assistance in Candler:

- 69 homeowners and renters have been approved for \$213,612 in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
  - \$188,072 in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.
  - \$25,540 in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- 24 homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance. •

#### **U.S. Small Business Administration:**

■ **SBA** operated a Business Recovery Center at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, 1465 Sand Hill Rd., Suite 1054, Candler, NC 28715 through Nov. 8. SBA has approved **\$646,600** in low-interest disaster loans to 22 applicants (as of Oct. 31, 2021).

### **National Flood Insurance Program:**

■ NFIP has paid \$1,667,217 to policyholders who filed claims.

#### **Public Assistance:**

- Buncombe County was approved for assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent work Sept. 8, 2021.
  - To date, 6 Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) have been received and 4 approved. One pending FEMA review. 1 pending Recipient review.
  - The state has held applicant briefings.

# Applicants:

- Buncombe County
- City of Asheville
- Town of Black Mountain



- Town of Montreat
- First Step Farm of WNC Inc
- Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America

