

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Seminole Tribe of Florida

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Seminole Tribe of Florida to supplement tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Ian beginning Sept. 23 and continuing.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected tribal members. 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.

You can apply for disaster assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling (800) 621-3362 or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

Federal funding is available to the tribe and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work, including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance. Federal funding is available for debris removal and emergency protective measures at 100% of the total costs eligible for a period of 30 days from the start of the incident period.

In addition, federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures for the tribe and its associated lands.

Thomas J. McCool has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date.



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