What Kind of Assistance Can FEMA Provide to Florida Hurricane Survivors?

Release Date: Oct 1, 2022

Lodging Expense Reimbursement

Under FEMA's Individuals and Households program, lodging expenses may be eligible for reimbursement if an applicant:

- Verifies occupancy in a primary residence within a designated county.
- Verifies that the primary residence is uninhabitable or inaccessible due to Hurricane Ian.

Rental Assistance for Temporary Housing

FEMA may be able to provide rent, including a security deposit if your primary residence was made uninhabitable by the storm. The assistance includes essential utilities such as electricity and water.

Major Repairs and Out-of-Pocket Expenses

FEMA's Individuals and Household Program assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household, not to restore your home and all your personal property items to a pre-hurricane condition.

- "Housing Assistance" covers repairs to structural parts of your home. This includes windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, utilities (electrical, plumbing and gas systems), and entrance ways. FEMA may also reimburse for repair or replacement of your furnace, well and septic system.
- "Other Needs Assistance" may provide reimbursement to homeowners and renters for such uninsured or underinsured, hurricane-related expenses as:
- Medical and dental expenses; funeral and burial costs; repair, cleaning, or replacement of clothing; household furniture and appliances; specialized tools



Page 1 of 2

- used in your occupation; educational materials and moving, storage and other necessary expenses related to the reacted to Hurricane Ian.
- Your personally owned, disaster-damaged cars and trucks may also be eligible for repair or replacement by FEMA.
- FEMA may be able to reimburse applicants who rented or purchased generators for their primary residence during a power disruption caused by Hurricane Ian.

Apply to FEMA

■ To be eligible for any FEMA Individual Assistance program, you must apply to FEMA. Apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, download the FEMA App for mobile devices, or call toll-free 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, youtube.com/watch?v= WZGpWI2RCNw.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Ian, visit <u>floridadisaster.org/info</u> <u>fema.gov/disaster/4673</u>. Follow FEMA on Twitter at <u>FEMA</u> Region 4 (@femaregion4) / Twitter and at facebook.com/fema.

###

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

