

How FEMA Helps People Make Accessibility Improvements



Name: Amina
Age: 65
Location: Tennessee
Disaster: Tornado
Job: Retired
Family: Married
Home: Owner
Home Insurance: No
Flood Insurance: No

People with disabilities often suffer disproportionately from disasters, making the recovery process especially burdensome.

FEMA may help people with disabilities improve their living conditions by making their disaster-damaged homes even more accessible than they were before.

AMINA'S STORY:

The Scenario

Amina uses a wheelchair but needs help to access her home because she has a gravel driveway.

The Process

When Amina visited a Disaster Recovery Center to see what type of FEMA assistance could help repair her tornado-damaged home, she learned that she might be able to receive additional funds to make her home more accessible.

The Result

In addition to funds Amina received to repair her home, FEMA deemed her eligible to cover the cost of paving her driveway to make it more accessible. Now, Amina can independently enter and leave her home, improving her accessibility and quality of life.

The above story uses fictional characters and events to help explain the disaster assistance process for disasters declared on or after March 22, 2024. If you live in an individual assistance area and want to learn more about how FEMA can help you, call **800-621-3362**, visit disasterassistance.gov or **download the FEMA app** to apply for FEMA assistance.

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