

100+ Days into Recovery: Federal Aid Tops More Than \$270 Million

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Detroit – In a little more than three months since President Joe Biden declared a major disaster for southeast Michigan following the June 25-26 severe storms, flooding and tornadoes, the federal government has approved more than \$270.2 million to help Michiganders with disaster-related needs.

That includes a total of \$150,979,037.43 in FEMA assistance to survivors, as of Oct. 31.

“These are impressive milestones in such a short period of time,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Scott Burgess, who oversees FEMA’s response to and recovery efforts from the late June severe storms, flooding and tornadoes. “This money goes directly into the hands of survivors in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties and allows them to start on their road to recovery and return to a sense of normalcy.”

Here’s a breakdown:

- Nearly \$151 million in Individuals and Households Program (IHP) grants have been awarded to 51,586 homeowners and renters. These grants help pay for uninsured and underinsured losses and storm-related damage, including:
 - More than \$120.4 million in housing grants to help pay for home repair, home replacement and rental assistance for temporary housing.



- Nearly \$30.6 million in Other Needs Assistance (ONA) grants to help pay for personal property replacement and other serious storm-related needs—such as moving and storage fees, and medical and dental expenses.

- Nearly \$10.6 million in housing mitigation grants have been awarded to 36,130 qualified applicants. This is a new category of IHP home repair (housing) award for qualified individuals and families with homes damaged by the late June storms, flooding and tornadoes. The funds encourage homeowners to take steps now to protect their property, reducing the likelihood of future disaster damage to their homes.

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved 3,937 long-term, low-interest disaster loans for a running total of more than \$119.2 million for Michigan homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations to repair, rebuild or replace disaster-damaged physical property and to cover economic injury from the late June storms and flooding.

- In addition, nearly \$1.5 million in claims have been paid to homeowners insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Also, FEMA mitigation experts counseled more than 10,000 individuals on flood mitigation and insurance through the agency's Community Education and Outreach activities at disaster recovery centers and local hardware-store events. Additionally, they provided numerous free publications, including [FEMA's Protect Your Property From Flooding brochure](#) and the agency's [Mitigation for Homeowners Fact Sheet](#)—as well as increased awareness about the [FloodSmart.gov](#) website for flood insurance.

- The State of Michigan and FEMA have staffed and operated nine disaster recovery centers, which have provided one-on-one assistance to survivors. Nearly 25,000 survivors have visited the centers.



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- There have also been three drop-off centers for survivors to physically hand in their documents to FEMA. Nearly 2,190 have used these centers.

- FEMA sent Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams to storm-impacted neighborhoods in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The teams visited homes, businesses and nonprofit organizations to help residents apply for assistance, identify and address immediate and emerging needs, and make referrals to State of Michigan, local and voluntary agencies for additional support.
 - To date, DSA personnel have visited over 30,000 homes and over 1,500 businesses, and community and faith-based organizations. They have interacted with over 12,000 survivors.
 - They have assisted over 2,600 applicants in applying for FEMA assistance, updating their applications and answering their questions and concerns, and have registered over 1,500 households for FEMA's Individuals and Households Program.

The last day survivors of Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties can apply with FEMA for federal assistance is **Friday, Nov. 12, 2021**.

For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4607. FEMA assistance is currently available to residents in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. **The deadline for individuals to apply for disaster assistance is Nov. 12, 2021.**

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service, will be available to ensure effective



communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.

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