

FEMA Federal Assistance After Hurricane Ida Tops \$23.5 Million

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More than 42,000 New Jersey residents have registered for FEMA assistance. FEMA has approved more than \$11.7 million to more than 2,700 families in New Jersey including:

- More than \$10.8 million in Housing Assistance grants for repairs to primary residences or for rental of temporary housing.
- More than \$950,000 for grants to repair or replace damaged personal property or to pay for disaster-related necessary expenses and other serious needs.

Other assistance provided also includes:

- More than \$9.8 million in flood insurance claims in New Jersey. More than 6,000 claims have been paid.
- More than \$1.9 million in low-interest disaster loans provided to 56 survivors through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

There are currently eight Disaster Recovery Centers open in New Jersey where survivors can speak to representatives from FEMA's Individuals and Households program, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program, and Small Business Administration loan programs, to get answers to questions about written correspondence and get literature about repairs and rebuilding to make homes disaster resistant. These locations can be found on the FEMA app or online at <https://egateway.fema.gov/ESF6/DRCLocator>.

A total of 17 FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams and two FEMA Corps teams are helping survivors in 11 counties register for assistance, identify potential needs, and make connections with local, state, federal and voluntary agencies with the resources to assist them.

Individuals in Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset and Union counties are eligible to apply for disaster



assistance.

If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting disasterassistance.gov/.

If it is not possible to apply online, **call 800-621-3362** (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines operate are currently operating 24 hours per day, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

If you have homeowners or renters insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If you are uninsured or underinsured, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

When you apply for assistance, have the following information readily available:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying
- Your Social Security number, if available
- A general list of damage and losses
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name

