

FEMA Disaster Assistance Tops \$2.3 Million

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – More than \$2.3 million in FEMA disaster assistance has been approved to help homeowners and renters in Blue Earth, Freeborn, Hennepin, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele and Waseca counties who were affected by Sept. 21- 24 storms and flooding.

Residents of those counties who have suffered loss or damage have until Jan. 30 to register with FEMA. To date, 1,330 people have registered for disaster assistance.

As of Jan. 26:

- FEMA approved 605 individuals and households for disaster-recovery grants, including:
 - More than \$2.1 million for housing grants, including short-term rental assistance and home-repair costs;
 - More than \$166,900 to cover other essential disaster-related needs such as medical and dental expenses and lost personal possessions.

Residents in the designated counties may register for assistance in the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- By phone at (voice, 711 or VRS-Video Relay Service; TTY: 800-462-7585). Operators, including multilingual ones, are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



- The official FEMA app is available for download at Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Or, visit fema.gov/mobile-app to download the app.

A free multilingual guide to the types of available assistance is found online at fema.gov/pdf/assistance/process/help_after_disaster_english.pdf.

For more information on Minnesota recovery, visit the disaster webpages at fema.gov/disaster/4290, Ready.gov/Minnesota and dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem. Follow us on Twitter [@femaregion5](https://twitter.com/femaregion5) or [@MnDPS_HSEM](https://twitter.com/MnDPS_HSEM).

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585.

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