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## **News Release**

## More Than \$100 Million in FEMA Assistance Approved for Southeast Michiganders

**CHICAGO** – As of Friday, August 27, FEMA assistance to southeast Michiganders affected by the late June flooding and storms topped **\$100 million**.

This grant funding, combined with **\$59 million** in low-interest loans provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), adds up to almost **\$160 million** in total federal assistance to individuals in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

Here is a snapshot of the FEMA disaster assistance as of August 27:

- Nearly 35,000 households have been approved for FEMA grant funding totaling \$100 million, including:
  - **\$82 million** in housing grants, including short-term rental assistance and home repair costs.
  - More than **\$18 million** approved for other essential disaster-related needs, such as expenses related to medical, dental, and lost personal possessions.
- More than **47,000** home inspections have been completed.
- To-date, **14,000** Michiganders have been helped at a FEMA recovery or document drop-off center.
- FEMA's Disaster Survivor Assistance teams have visited more than 22,000 homes and nearly 350 businesses; they have interacted with 8,700 survivors and have registered more than 1,300 households for FEMA's Individual Assistance program.

Residents of Washtenaw and Wayne counties with uninsured or under insured losses from the severe storms and flooding are encouraged to apply for federal assistance if they haven't done so already.

There are several ways to start the process:

1. Online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov;</u>

- 2. Using the <u>FEMA App</u>; or
- 3. Calling 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). TTY users can call 800-462-7585. The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

For more information about Michigan's recovery, visit <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4607</u>. The deadline for individuals to apply for disaster assistance is Sept. 13, 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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