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# News Release

## FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE TOPS \$40 MILLION

**NEW BERLIN, Wis.** – More than \$40 million in disaster assistance has been approved to help residents and businesses in Grant and Milwaukee counties recover from the July 20-24 storms, tornadoes and flooding, according to Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

As of the close of business yesterday, state and federal disaster officials reported that **29,305** residents in the two counties had registered for disaster assistance since a presidential disaster declaration for Individual Assistance was received Sept. 18.

**The following includes additional FEMA disaster assistance statistics for Grant and Milwaukee counties as of the close of business Oct. 22:**

- **\$40,431,632** in Individual Assistance approved.
- **92,575** individuals had been reached by Community Relations specialists by providing English, Spanish, Hmong, Laotian and Vietnamese disaster assistance information.
- **4,026** people visited a Disaster Recovery Center.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) had issued **14,639** SBA low-interest disaster assistance loan applications.

People in the affected counties can still register with FEMA for individual assistance. The deadline to register is Nov. 17. Register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling **1-800-621-FEMA/3362** or TTY **1-800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT, until further notice. Multilingual operators are available.

Applicants who received an SBA low-interest disaster loan application must return it by Nov. 17. To apply online using SBA's Electronic Loan Application, visit <https://DisasterLoan.SBA.gov/ela>. For information and assistance, or help completing the loan application, contact the SBA Customer Service Center at **1-800-659-2955**. Applicants also may visit the SBA Web site at [www.SBA.gov/Services/DisasterAssistance](http://www.SBA.gov/Services/DisasterAssistance), or e-mail SBA at [DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov).

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FEMA's Individual Assistance Program helps with expenses not covered by insurance or other programs, including temporary rental assistance, damage repairs and replacement of essential household items and disaster-related medical, dental or funeral costs.

SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes. The SBA program serves as the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

The Public Assistance Program is administered through a coordinated effort between FEMA, the state and local applicants. FEMA Public Assistance grants for approved projects are provided to the state, which administers the funds, notifies the applicant that funds are available and disburses those funds to the applicant.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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