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FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR DISASTER RECOVERY

NEW BERLIN, Wis. -- Federal disaster aid programs can be made available *as needed and warranted* under President Obama's Individual Assistance declaration for Milwaukee and Grant counties.

Assistance for Affected Individuals and Families Can Include *as Required*:

- Rental payments for temporary housing for those with flood-affected homes. Initial assistance may be provided for up to two months for homeowners and renters. Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements.
- Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional.
- Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs.
- Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for state benefits, such as self-employed individuals.
- Low-interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans available up to \$200,000 for primary residence; \$40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to \$2 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance. *(Source: U.S. Small Business Administration)*
- Loans up to \$2 million for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes that have suffered disaster-related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact. This loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of \$2 million.

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- Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veteran's benefits and social security matters.

How to Apply for Assistance:

- Eligible Grant and Milwaukee County residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling **1-800-621-FEMA/3362** or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired**. The toll-free telephone numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days per week, until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

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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