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News Release

WISCONSIN FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE TOPS \$25.5 MILLION

NEW BERLIN, Wis. – Federal assistance for Grant and Milwaukee County residents has topped **\$25.5** million for the July 20-24 severe storms, tornadoes and flooding. As of today, **19,830** renters, homeowners and business owners have registered for assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since President Obama declared a federal disaster on Sept. 18.

Register with FEMA before Nov. 17. After registering, FEMA provides applicants with a nine-digit registration number. You must have registered after Sept. 18 with FEMA and have received a nine-digit registration number to be eligible for disaster assistance.

Register online at 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.

Applicants should keep FEMA updated of personal information changes such as a change of address, new phone number or insurance settlement by calling **1-800-621-FEMA/3362** or TTY **1-800-462-7585**. In addition to calling, applicants are encouraged to call FEMA or visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) if they have questions about the status of their application.

The following includes FEMA disaster assistance statistics for Grant and Milwaukee Counties as of the close of business Sept. 30:

\$25,537,271 approved for individual assistance.

19,830 total number of registrations.

10,843 U.S. Small Business Administration disaster assistance loan applications issued.

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1,757 people have visited a DRC.

Inspections:

- **16,280** completed;
- **129** inspectors in the field; and
- **2** day average turnaround time for inspections:

Community Relations specialists have provided Spanish and English disaster assistance information to:

- **1,663** homes;
- **207** businesses;
- **27** houses of worship reaching nearly **8,900** members; and
- **28** agencies.

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.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans to renters, homeowners and businesses of all sizes.

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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