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## News Release

### **FEMA CAN PROCESS APPLICATIONS IN ALMOST ANY LANGUAGE**

**NEW BERLIN, Wis.** – An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Hmong-speaking individuals live in Milwaukee County. Hmong is just one of 176 languages in which disaster assistance applications can be processed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) want residents of Grant and Milwaukee counties to know that they can apply in almost any language.

“FEMA has operators who can take your application in almost any language,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Paul Ricciuti. “If you need information to apply for disaster assistance and you communicate best in a language other than English, you can call FEMA’s toll-free number and talk with someone who speaks your language.”

To register in English or Spanish, visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), or call **800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585** between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. CDT daily.

Grant and Milwaukee County residents must apply for federal disaster assistance by Nov. 17. Applicants will be issued a FEMA registration number to verify that they have registered.

“We encourage all residents who may be eligible for disaster assistance to apply by the Nov. 17 deadline, including those who may need help in another language,” said WEM Administrator Michael Hinman.

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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