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MORE THAN \$2 MILLION APPROVED IN MISSOURI DISASTER ASSISTANCE

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri – More than \$2 million in federal disaster assistance has been approved for individuals and households in Missouri since President Obama issued a major disaster declaration three weeks ago. The declaration is a result of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding May 8 – 16.

As of Thursday, the latest figures were:

- **1,669** individuals have registered for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
- More than **\$1.88 million** has been approved for temporary housing and home repairs; and
- More than **\$177,000** in Other Needs Assistance has been approved for personal property loss, medical costs and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance.

Registration is available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling toll-free **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, (TTY **1-800-462-7585**) from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week until further notice. The registration deadline is August 17.

Assistance Available

Disaster Unemployment Assistance may be available to eligible residents if their employment was lost or interrupted. The deadline for filing claims is July 23. For information about filing a claim, residents should call the Missouri Department of Labor's Division of Employment Security at 1-800-788-4002.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are now open in four locations. Regular hours for DRCs are 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Friday, and Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. until further notice. DRCs are open to all Missouri residents regardless of what county they reside in.

Adair County:

Adair County Annex Building
300 N Franklin
Kirksville, MO 63501

Madison County:

Fredericktown Elementary School
419 Newberry
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Jasper County:

United Methodist Church
501 W 4th St.
Joplin, MO 64801

Polk County:

Emergency Management Office/EOC
1913 W Broadway, Suite G
Bolivar, MO 65613

Another DRC will open for 6 days beginning Monday, July 13. Hours for the center will be: Monday, July 13 from 1 – 7 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday will be the last day of business for the center. THE DRC address is:

**Meadow Heights School
1 Highway 72 E
Patton, MO 63662**

DRC services include checking the status of a claim, getting answers to questions about the recovery status and reviewing information FEMA needs to process an individual's claim. Recovery specialists also can supply contacts for other programs that may be available for further assistance.

In addition, Customer Service Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be at the centers to answer questions about the SBA's low-interest disaster loan program for homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations. These loans are to repair or replace real estate and/or personal property damaged by the sever storms in May.

Individual assistance is available in the following counties: Adair, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Greene, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Madison, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Francois, Shannon, Texas, Washington, and Webster counties.

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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.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private nonprofit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and covers the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, nationality, age, disability, English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you or someone you known has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY Call 800-462-7585.

EDITORS: For more information on Missouri disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>.