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Thirteen more Indiana counties are eligible for disaster assistance

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Homeowners and renters whose primary residence is in **Dearborn, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Ohio, Porter, Pulaski, Spencer, Starke, Switzerland, Vanderburgh and White** counties may apply for federal disaster assistance to cover uninsured losses for damage caused by the flooding that occurred Feb. 14 through March 4, 2018. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, July 5, 2018**.

Public Assistance is also now available in **Pulaski County**. FEMA grant funding for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities is available in 28 Indiana counties, including **Benton, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Elkhart, Floyd, Fulton, Gibson, Harrison, Jasper, Jefferson, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Ohio, Perry, Porter, Spencer, St. Joseph, Starke, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Warrick and White**.

The nine counties already eligible under FEMA's Individual Assistance program are **Carroll, Clark, Elkhart, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Lake, Marshall and St. Joseph**.

Keep in mind when applying for Individual Assistance:

- The flood damage must have occurred at your primary residence.
- FEMA cannot pay for damage covered by insurance or duplicate benefits from another source.
- FEMA grants are meant for costs to return your home to a safe, sanitary and functional place to live. Damage to non-essential space or property is not eligible under FEMA programs.

Survivors are encouraged to register with FEMA before the **July 5 deadline**. If you have phone and/or internet access, you may register in one of the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** for voice, 711 and Video Relay Service (VRS). If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call **800-462-7585**. Information on the registration process is available in ASL at: fema.gov/medialibrary/assets/videos/111546.
- The toll-free numbers are open from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eastern time (6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Central time), seven days a week**. Multilingual operators are available.
- Download the [FEMA App](#) and apply.

You may visit any open Disaster Recovery Center; find one near you at www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-centers or by calling the FEMA Helpline.

Survivors should also contact their insurance company to file an insurance claim. FEMA is unable to duplicate insurance payments. However, those without insurance or those who may be underinsured may still receive help after their insurance claims have been settled.

For more information on Indiana's recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4363 or the [@FEMARegion5](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion5) Twitter account.

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

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.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during and after a disaster.

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 businesses of all sizes, private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 (Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339), emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at sba.gov/disaster.