



Fact Sheet: Facts for Kentuckians Applying for FEMA Individual Assistance

Kentuckians in 11 counties affected by the recent storms may be eligible

Wed., Feb. 25, 2025 – Gov. Andy Beshear has [announced](#) that President Donald Trump approved his request for an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration, which currently includes individual assistance for Kentuckians in 11 counties affected by the most recent storms.

Those counties are **Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Martin, Owsley, Perry and Pike**. Additional designations and counties may be added at a later date if warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

This action opens immediate need and cleaning and sanitizing money to Kentuckians who qualify. The maximum grant award is \$43,600. Last week, the Governor promised to push the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to make it as easy as possible to receive approval for individual assistance. Gov. Beshear remains committed to ensuring that families affected by the storms are cared for and get the very best service.

How to Apply: Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance at [DisasterAssistance.gov](#), by calling [800-621-FEMA \(3362\)](#) or by using the [FEMA App](#). Anyone using a relay service – such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or other similar service – can give FEMA the number for that service.

When Applying for FEMA Individual Assistance, Kentuckians should make sure:

- You upload your documents online via the FEMA App or by visiting [DisasterAssistance.gov](#).
- Your damaged home is your primary residence.
- You haven't received assistance for the same losses from another source, including insurance.
- You are able to be reached by FEMA at the contact information you provide in the application.

If you disagree with FEMA's decision, you may appeal:

- Online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](#).
- In person at a Disaster Recovery Center, which will open in coming days.
- Or by mail or fax.

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