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Nearly \$6 Million Approved for South Carolina April 13 Storm Survivors

COLUMBIA, S.C. – About a month after the federal disaster declaration for South Carolina’s April 13 storms, nearly \$6 million in federal disaster assistance has been approved for survivors.

The funds include grants from FEMA and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to help with uninsured or underinsured losses.

More than **\$3.3 million** in SBA low-interest disaster loans approved for homeowners, renters and business owners to rebuild or repair property. The SBA is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

More than **\$2.6 million** in FEMA grants approved for survivors. This includes amount includes more than **\$1.5 million** to make repairs to make their homes livable, more than **\$500,000** to pay for somewhere to stay if they’re unable to return home replace essential household items and nearly **\$300,000** to replace essential personal items. Nearly **530** South Carolina homeowners and renters have approved for this help.

Survivors in Aiken, Barnwell, Berkeley, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg and Pickens counties have until **Tuesday, June 30** to apply for federal disaster help.

Register for assistance in one of three ways:

- Online by logging onto DisasterAssistance.gov
- The **FEMA app**. Visit: fema.gov/mobile-app or your phone’s app store.
- Call **800-621-3362** or **TDD 800-462-7585**. Language translators also are available. Toll-free numbers are open daily from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** Multilingual operators are available.

The following information is helpful when registering:

- Address of the primary residence where the damage occurred.

- Current mailing address.
- Current telephone number.
- Insurance information.
- Total household annual income.
- Routing and account number for checking or savings account. This allows FEMA to directly transfer disaster assistance funds into a bank account.
- A description of disaster-caused damage and losses.

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

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 TDD call 800-462-7585.