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Renters May Be Eligible for FEMA Disaster Recovery Assistance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Renters in Fayette, Harrison, and Kanawha counties who had damage from the August 14–18 storms and flooding may be able to get grants from FEMA to help them recover.

How FEMA Can Help Renters

- A temporary place to live: Financial assistance for rent or a hotel if people cannot stay in their home.
- Essential items: Financial assistance to repair or replace lost items such as clothing or furniture.
- School supplies: Financial assistance for textbooks and supplies needed for school.
- Work equipment: Financial assistance to fix or replace tools and gear needed for a job, including for self-employed workers.
- Vehicle damage: Financial assistance to repair or replace a primary car or truck if insurance does not cover it.

FEMA assistance cannot duplicate insurance benefits. Filing insurance claims is a must. But FEMA may be able to provide help for recovery not covered by insurance.

As of Nov. 9, for the August flooding disaster declaration, FEMA has received more than 400 eligible applications and approved grants totaling more than $2.6 million.

How To Apply for FEMA Assistance

- The fastest way to apply is online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov
- Download the FEMA App
- By calling 1-800-621-3362
- In person at any Disaster Recovery Center or Community Outreach Center. For the latest locations and hours go to www.fema.gov/DRC
- Watch a video about applying: What to Expect Before Applying for FEMA Assistance

People who have already applied and been approved for FEMA assistance can check on their eligibility for this assistance, and update their application, by going online to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

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