



Community Recovery Resources



FEMA

Apply online for FEMA Assistance Programs at

www.disasterassistance.gov

Deadline for applications is January 12, 2023.

FEMA has several Individual Assistance programs designed to support disaster survivors through financial and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by a disaster, who have uninsured or under-insured necessary expenses and serious needs.

FEMA assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet your basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

FEMA Assistance may include:

- Temporary housing such as rental assistance, reimbursement for hotel costs, or a temporary housing unit
- Funds to support the repair or replacement of your primary residence, including privately-owned access routes, such as driveways, roads, or bridges
- Funds for other uninsured or under-insured disaster-caused expenses, such as repair or replacement of personal property and vehicles, or funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care, or funerals.

If you have applied for FEMA assistance and have been denied or need additional information related to your case you may call 1-800-621-3362.



If you are unable to remain in your home due to damages caused by Hurricane Ian, the State of Florida may be able to assist you with temporary sheltering and temporary or permanent repairs to your home.

Unmet needs, such as transportation, senior services, or household supplies, can also be fulfilled through **Unite Florida.**

Unite Florida assists you in connecting to recovery resources in your local community.
The information entered on this website is completely confidential.

<https://ianrecovery.fl.gov/unite>

For those who need more assistance filling out an application, please call 1-800-892-0948.

The **Small Business Administration** provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters. Visit www.sba.gov for more information.



U.S. Small Business
Administration

Crisis Hotline

(844) 395-4432, Available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

When to call:

Suicidal thoughts, thoughts of self-harm, increased symptoms of depression, increased anxiety or panic attacks, feeling overwhelmed and don't know what to do, support for life stressors that are negatively impacting your mental health.



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FEMA Appeal Assistance

Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) can help your appeal, call 1-888-582-3410.

- Applicants can appeal any FEMA decision. **Appeals must be made in writing and sent by mail or fax to FEMA within 60 days of receiving the letter.** Appeals, pictures and documents can be faxed to 800-827-8112 or uploaded to your FEMA account.
- An appeal is a written request to FEMA to review your file again, and an opportunity to provide new or additional information not previously submitted that may affect the decision.
- Appeal letters and supporting documentation also can be uploaded to your account online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), or faxed to 800-827-8112.

Disaster Related Legal Services

Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) can provide disaster related assistance, call 1-888-582-3410. Services may include:

- Providing community outreach and education on disaster relief.
- Providing community intake, with a focus on offering free legal services in rural areas.
- Helping tenants who are unable to obtain repairs or reimbursement on repairs from landlords, with a focus on aiding displaced tenants to relocate.
- Providing assistance with public benefits including emergency TANF.
- Medical Legal Partnerships (MLPs), we work with hospitals and clinics to resolve legal needs of patients.

Latest Updates for Lee County Recovery Resources

www.leegov.com/storm

Lee County Coordinated Entry (239) 533-7996 Available 24/7

Clients who are precariously housed as a result of Hurricane Ian may call for information and assistance locating resources.

Insurance Deductible Assistance

Please visit the www.leegov.com/dcd/planning/ship website for more information.

Home Repair Assistance

For more information visit: www.leegov.com/dhs/assistance/financial

Utility Assistance Programs

Applications for electric and/or water bill assistance are available for pick up at 2440 Thompson St., Fort Myers, FL 33901.

For more information visit: www.leegov.com/dhs/assistance/financial