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15 DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS NOW OPEN IN MISSISSIPPI

CLINTON, Miss. – State and federal Disaster Recovery Centers opened Saturday in Southhaven in DeSoto County and in Winona in Montgomery County, bringing the total number of centers to 15. The centers are open to help people whose homes or businesses were affected by recent river flooding, storms and tornadoes.

The Southhaven center is located at the DeSoto Tourists & Visitors Center, 4716 Pepper Chase Dr. The Winona center is in the Montgomery County Court House, 614 Summit Rd.

All centers are open seven days a week from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. with the exception of the center in Water Valley, which has shortened hours of 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Beginning Monday, hours will be 9 a.m.-7p.m., and centers will close Sundays. Additional recovery centers will open in other counties in the near future for survivors who suffered losses from storms, tornadoes and flooding.

Twenty-nine counties were designated for individual assistance from the storms, tornadoes and related flooding that occurred April 15-28. A second declaration was issued May 11 and provided for assistance to residents in 14 counties affected by the Mississippi River flooding. Three counties – Coahoma, DeSoto and Tunica -- were named in both declarations.

Counties currently designated for assistance to individuals are: Adams, Alcorn, Attala, Bolivar, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Claiborne, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Greene, Grenada, Hinds, Humphreys, Holmes, Issaquena, Jasper, Jefferson, Kemper, Lafayette, Leflore, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery, Neshoba, Newton, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Smith, Sunflower, Tishomingo, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wilkinson, Winston and Yazoo. Residents who suffered flood- and storm-related losses may visit any center for assistance or register by phone or the internet. A locator for the centers can be found at www.fema.gov/drclocator

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Emergency management experts from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies will staff the centers to explain disaster assistance programs. Before visiting a center, people with storm-related losses should register with FEMA by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Help is available in most languages. Those with speech or hearing impairment can call (TTY) **800-462-7585**.

Persons affected by the storms also can apply for federal assistance through a web-enabled mobile device or smartphone. Visit m.fema.gov and follow the link to apply online for federal assistance and other recovery help.

Disaster Recovery Centers providing assistance.

Alcorn County Crossroads Arena 2800 Levee Rd. Corinth, MS 38834	Hinds County Golden Keys Community Cntr. 3450 Albemarle Rd. Jackson, MS 39213	Lafayette County Anchor Baptist Church 1009 Hwy. 7 South Water Valley, MS 38965	Tunica County Dundee Community Center 9140 Dundee Rd. Dundee, MS 38626
Chickasaw County Houston Civic Center 635 Starkville Rd. Houston, MS 38851	Hinds County Clinton Public Works Facilities 527 Spring Ridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056	Monroe County Parham Community Center 60416 Hatley-Detroit Rd. Amory, MS 38821	Greene County Leakesville Community Center 1627 Center St. Leakesville, MS 39451
Clay County Pheba Voting Precinct 21523 Hwy. 50 West Pheba, MS 39755	Jasper & Clarke Counties Enterprise Townhall 500 S. River Rd. Enterprise, MS 39330	Monroe County Intersection of Hwy 23 & Hwy 25 Smithville, MS 38870	Kemper County Kemper County Sherriff Dept. 330 Stennis Industrial Rd. DeKalb, MS 39328
DeSoto County DeSoto Tourists & Visitors Ctr. 4716 Pepper Chase Dr. Southaven, MS. 38671	Webster & Choctaw Counties Mathiston Public Library 298 Scott St. Mathiston, MS 39752	Montgomery County Montgomery Co. Court House 614 Summit St. Winona, MS 38671	

Individual assistance for eligible homeowners and renters can include grants to help pay for rental housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs. Representatives are available to explain the full range of application options available including assistance for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses.

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Low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration are available for eligible applicants to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance. Among the options are assistance for replacement of personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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 loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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