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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS OPEN IN BOLIVAR AND TISHOMINGO COUNTIES; SMITHVILLE CENTER RELOCATES

CLINTON, Miss. – State and federal Disaster Recovery Centers opened Monday in Cleveland in Bolivar County and in Belmont in Tishomingo County. The centers are open to help people whose homes or businesses were affected by recent river flooding, storms and tornadoes.

Also, in Monroe County operations at the Smithville center are being transferred to the Amory center at 60416 Hatley-Detroit Rd., which is located eight miles from Smithville.

The Cleveland center is at the Bolivar County Emergency Operations Center, 114 South St. The Belmont center is in the Blue Springs Lodge at 1 Summer St.

Until further notice, the centers are open from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and closed on 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.

<p>Bolivar County Bolivar Co. Emergency Operations Center 114 South St. Cleveland, MS 39194</p> <p>Chickasaw County Houston Civic Center 635 Starkville Rd. Houston, MS 38851</p> <p>Clay County Pheba Voting Precinct 21523 Hwy. 50 West Pheba, MS 39755</p> <p>DeSoto County DeSoto Tourists & Visitors Ctr. 4716 Pepper Chase Dr. Southaven, MS. 38671</p> <p>Greene County Leakesville Community Center 1627 Center St. Leakesville, MS 39451</p>	<p>Hinds County Golden Keys Community Cntr. 3450 Albemarle Rd. Jackson, MS 39213</p> <p>Hinds County Clinton Public Works Facilities 527 Spring Ridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056</p> <p>Jasper & Clarke Counties Enterprise Townhall 500 S. River Rd. Enterprise, MS 39330</p> <p>Kemper County Kemper County Sherriff Dept. 330 Stennis Industrial Rd. DeKalb, MS 39328</p> <p>Lafayette County Anchor Baptist Church 1009 Hwy. 7 South Water Valley, MS 38965</p>	<p>Monroe County Parham Community Center 60416 Hatley-Detroit Rd. Amory, MS 38821</p> <p>Montgomery County Montgomery Co. Court House 614 Summit St. Winona, MS 38671</p> <p>Tishomingo County Blue Springs Lodge 1 Summer St. Belmont, MS 38827</p> <p>Tunica County Dundee Community Center 9140 Dundee Rd. Dundee, MS 38626</p> <p>Webster & Choctaw Counties Mathiston Public Library 298 Scott St. Mathiston, MS 39752</p>
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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.

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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