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AID FLOWING TO MISSISSIPPI STORM SURVIVORS

PEARL, Miss. – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced today more than \$1.6 million in federal and state aid has been approved for Mississippi storm survivors in 11 counties.

As of Wednesday evening 1,043 residents in Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Greene, Hinds, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, Monroe, Neshoba and Webster were approved for a total of \$1,627,076 for the Individuals and Households Program.

Residents in the declared counties can register for assistance 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 may call **(TTY) 800-462-7585**. Disaster recover centers are also being established to help people navigate the disaster process

Persons affected by the storms also may 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.”

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 SBA 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. Other help at the centers may be provided by attorneys, crisis counselors and representatives of organizations such as the American Red Cross or local volunteer agencies.

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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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