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FUNDS FOR FLOOD SURVIVORS NOW AT \$600 THOUSAND AND GROWING

CLINTON, Miss. – Federal assistance approved for people in 14 Mississippi counties that were declared a major disaster area by the president following the historic flooding of the Mississippi River and its tributaries now totals \$592,544, and is expected to grow rapidly as flood waters recede. While many recovery efforts along the Mississippi River are held back by the heavy flooding, state and federal disaster officials are primed and ready to speed work as soon as water levels go down.

The counties in which people are eligible to apply for state and federal help are listed below along with the amount of assistance approved to date for each county.

Many forms of federal assistance are available, but people must first register by dialing **800-621-FEMA (3362)** seven days a week between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. or **TTY 800-462-7585** for people with speech or hearing impairment. An application can also be made on FEMA's website, www.disasterassistance.gov at any time. A person can also track the status of an application on that site.

Here is a summary through Wednesday, May 25, of all federal assistance to individuals in counties affected by the flooding that began May 3, 2011, and continues.

- **\$592,544** in total housing and personal needs has been approved.
- Of that amount, **\$589,914** has been approved for housing expenses, including temporary rental assistance, home repair costs and assistance toward replacing destroyed homes.
- **\$2,630** has been approved as "Other Needs Assistance" to cover essential disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses and lost personal possessions.
- **902** Home Loan applications have been issued by the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- **2,947** applicants have registered with FEMA for some form of disaster assistance.
- **544** visits have been made at Disaster Recovery Centers operated jointly by FEMA and the state of Mississippi.
- **1,409** home inspections to confirm disaster damage have been completed.
- Teams of state and FEMA Community Relations field specialists have distributed more than **16,155 flyers** and worked in the affected counties to help identify and assist disaster survivors. In the course of explaining the recovery process, they have visited:

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- **4,031** residents
- **1,237** businesses
- **367** faith-based groups
- **103** community organizations
- **37** schools
- **268** emergency managers, fire and law enforcement officials
- **192** government officials
- **65** post offices

Amounts approved under FEMA’s Individuals and Households Program for counties affected by the May 2011 flooding of the Mississippi River and its tributaries:

County	IHP Amount
Adams (County)	\$6,110.00
Bolivar (County)	\$55,859.00
Claiborne (County)	\$8,959.18
Coahoma (County)	\$24,758.35
DeSoto (County)	\$5,443.34
Humphreys (County)	\$22,216.00
Issaquena (County)	\$5,994.00
Jefferson (County)	\$2,642.00
Sharkey (County)	\$2,376.00
Tunica (County)	\$129,277.36
Warren (County)	\$199,082.18
Washington (County)	\$38,358.84
Wilkinson (County)	\$15,242.00
Yazoo (County)	\$76,226.00
Totals	\$592,544.25

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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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