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FEMA, Federal Aid Programs for West Virginia Residents Impacted by 5/09 Mudslides/Floods

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Phone 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) or 1–800–462–7585 (TTY)
Web www.DisasterAssistance.gov
Serves Mingo/Wyoming Counties, WV
Eligibility Impacted by the 5/09 Floods/Mudslides
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Mcdowell, Raleigh And Mercer Counties Added To Federal Disaster Declaration
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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. Va. –– The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced three additional counties have been declared eligible for disaster aid. McDowell and Raleigh Counties have been added for Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA), and Mercer County for PA.

Residents and business owners in McDowell and Raleigh Counties can apply for a wide range of state and federal disaster assistance programs under the IA program. Assistance may include temporary housing and housing repair, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low–interest loans for individuals and businesses to repair or replace damaged property, and grants for serious needs and necessary disaster–related expenses not met by other programs.

The PA grants provide assistance to state and local governments and certain non–profit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster–damaged facilities.

Residents, business owners and those who work in the declared counties who suffered disaster–related losses should call the FEMA toll–free teleregistration line 800–621–FEMA (3362) or TTY 800–462–7585 for the speech– or hearing–impaired. Call center hours are 7 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Applications are also taken online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

The total number of West Virginia counties declared for IA and PA are McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh and Wyoming. Mercer County is declared for PA only. The total number of counties participating in the declaration is five.

Federal Aid Programs For West Virginia Disaster Recovery
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Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available as needed and warranted under President Obama's major disaster declaration issued for West Virginia.

Assistance for Affected Individuals and Families Can Include as Required:

Rental payments for temporary housing for those whose homes are unlivable. Initial assistance may be provided for up to three months for homeowners and at least one month for renters. Assistance may be extended if requested after the initial period based on a review of individual applicant requirements. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

Grants for home repairs and replacement of essential household items not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional. (Source: FEMA funded and administered.)

Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster–related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs. (Source: FEMA funded at 75 percent of total eligible costs; 25 percent funded by the state.)
Unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for state benefits, such as self–employed individuals. (Source: FEMA funded; state administered.)
Low–interest loans to cover residential losses not fully compensated by insurance. Loans available up to $200,000 for primary residence; $40,000 for personal property, including renter losses. Loans available up to $2 million for business property losses not fully compensated by insurance. (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)

Loans up to $2 million for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private, non–profit organizations of all sizes that have suffered disaster–related cash flow problems and need funds for working capital to recover from the disaster's adverse economic impact. This loan in combination with a property loss loan cannot exceed a total of $2 million. (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration.)

Loans up to $500,000 for farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators to cover production and property losses, excluding primary residence. (Source: Farm Service Agency, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.)

Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; income tax assistance for filing casualty losses; advisory assistance for legal, veterans benefits and social security matters.

Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include as Required:

Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas and similar publicly owned property, as well as certain private non–profit organizations engaged in community service activities. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

• Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

• Payment of not more than 75 percent of the approved costs for hazard mitigation projects undertaken by state and local governments to prevent or reduce long–term risk to life and property from natural or technological disasters. (Source: FEMA funded, state administered.)

How to Apply for Assistance:

Those in the counties designated for assistance to affected residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1–800–621–FEMA (3362) or 1–800–462–7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll–free telephone numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.

Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk–based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man–made disasters.

See this link for all the posted news via FEMA:
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=11470

Services offered: Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Government, Employment Development Department; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Disaster Rebuilding; Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors
Campaigns: 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA)
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