



Disaster News

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MORE THAN \$3.2 MILLION APPROVED FOR OHIO DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

COLUMBUS, OH – A total of \$3,299,899 in grants for disaster related repairs and costs has been approved for disaster assistance in Ohio since the Presidential declaration of February 15, according to figures released today by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA).

The following is an update of recovery activities as of today: (County-by-county breakdown attached)

- 3,875 individuals from the declared counties had called to apply for assistance
- 471 people had visited Disaster Recovery and Outreach Centers
- 1,294 temporary housing assistance grants were approved, totaling \$2,146,904
- 919 Other Needs Assistance grants were approved, totaling \$1,152,995 – may include grants for medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation and other eligible expenses
- 2,463 U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loan applications were issued: 2,175 to homeowners, 288 to business owners

Assistance Still A Toll-Free Call Away

Disaster recovery officials urge anyone who suffered damages or loss from the winter storms and flooding that occurred between December 22, 2004 and February 1, 2005 to apply for assistance by calling the FEMA toll-free registration number **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Those with speech or hearing impairment can call TTY 1-800-462-7585. Both lines are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You may also register through the Internet at www.fema.gov. The deadline to apply for assistance is April 18.

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Disaster Recovery Center locations and schedules for this week are:

Central Ohio: Ohio University, Pickerington Branch
12933 Stonecreek Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147
Hours of Operation: Tuesday, March 15 through Friday, March 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Western Ohio: Union City Municipal Building
419 East Elm Street
Union City, OH 45390
Hours of Operation: Wednesday, March 16, through Friday, March 18, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 19, 8am to noon

Complete And Return Your SBA Loan Application

The SBA has issued **2,463** low-interest disaster loan applications to homeowners, renters and business owners throughout Ohio. Officials urge affected residents to complete and return their loan paperwork as soon as possible, even if they have not received a final settlement from their insurance company. If the loan application is not returned, eligibility for other forms of disaster assistance may be affected. SBA representatives will be available at the Disaster Outreach Centers listed below to assist with completion of disaster loan applications.

In Hockingport – Now Open

United Methodist Church Community Center, 28821 Pavilion Street

In Bellefontaine – Now Open

Ohio Highpoint Career Center, House #4, 2280 State Route 540

In Marietta – Now Open

Washington County Courthouse (Old Jail), 205 Putnam Street

In Dillonvale – Closing March 17, 1 p.m.

Dillonvale Senior Center, 46 Main Street

In McConnelsville – Closing March 17, 1 p.m.

Riecker Building, Chamber of Commerce Room, 155 Main Street

In Bucyrus – Now Open

Crawford County Courthouse Conference Room, 112 East Mansfield Street

In Columbus – Closing March 17, 1 p.m.

Franklin County EMA, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

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In Zanesville – Now Open

Muskingum County EMA/EOC, 2215 Adamsville Road

In Yellowbud – Now Open

Yellowbud United Methodist Church Annex, 599 Yellowbud Road

For more information about SBA's low-interest disaster loan program, visit an SBA outreach centers or call the Disaster Area Office at **1-800-659-2955** or **TTY 1-800-877-8339** for the speech or hearing-impaired. The filing deadline for physical damage applications is April 18, 2005.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program provides weekly benefits to those individuals out of work due to the disaster, including self-employed agricultural and hourly workers, self-employed business people, business owners unable to provide services and other unemployed workers who are out of work as a direct result of the disaster and who do not otherwise qualify for unemployment benefits. The state of Ohio administers this program and has set an application deadline of March 18.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency coordinates the state's response and recovery from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center. One of the primary focuses of the agency is to ensure that Ohio citizens are prepared to respond to and recover from an emergency or disaster and to lead mitigation efforts against the effects of future disasters. During times of disasters, Ohio EMA coordinates activities of responding state agencies and maintains liaison with similar agencies of other states and of the federal government for all hazards.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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**INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM (IHP)
DOLLARS APPROVED BY COUNTY
(Close of Business, Sunday, March 13)**

COUNTY	TOTAL IHP \$ APPROVED
ATHENS	\$230,185.28
BELMONT	\$184,674.29
CLARK	\$23,613.72
COSHOCTON	\$130,721.91
CRAWFORD	\$164,231.52
DARKE	\$37,854.14
DELAWARE	\$21,497.45
FAIRFIELD	\$49,820.90
FRANKLIN	\$719,322.55
GUERNSEY	\$18,061.67
HENRY	\$21,698.90
HOCKING	\$10,193.53
HOLMES	N/A
JEFFERSON	\$51,383.10
LICKING	\$51,668.30
LOGAN	\$294,063.79
MORGAN	\$275,571.46
MUSKINGUM	\$343,093.11
PICKAWAY	\$36,703.94
PIKE	\$119,742.88
RICHLAND	\$61,028.38
ROSS	\$117,352.19
SCIOTO	\$185,878.15
STARK	\$16,045.40
TUSCARAWAS	N/A
WARREN	\$42,185.36
WASHINGTON	\$93,307.60
TOTAL IHP APPROVED	\$3,299,899.52

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