



FEMA

Recovery Update 33 – Arkansas Severe Storms and Tornadoes

Recovery Updates are distributed Wednesdays

August 23, 2023, DR-4698/Recovery Update 33

Key Messages

- As of August 23, **3,589** applicants have been approved for disaster assistance through FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program. FEMA has approved more than **\$9.3 million** to help Arkansas residents in **Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski** counties recover from the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred March 31.
- The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance was **Monday, July 3**.

Direct Housing

On April 26, FEMA approved Direct Housing Assistance in the forms of Direct Lease and Transportable Temporary Housing Units (TTHUs) for eligible survivors in **Cross County**.

- As of August 23, **47 households** have been approved for a temporary unit.
 - To date, **26** households have been licensed in.

Public Assistance

- As of August 23, Public Assistance received **35** Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs).
- **26** projects have been obligated for more than **\$7.8 million**.
- The 100% Cost Share ended May 10. The deadline to apply for PA was June 2.

Check Your Application Status

Residents can apply online at disasterassistance.gov, by calling **800-621-3362**, or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

Small Business Administration

- As of August 23, SBA has approved **369** loans approved for more than **\$23.2 million**.

- Survivors can contact an SBA customer service representative via email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at **800-659-2955** for help applying. Survivors can also apply online at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call **800-877-8339**.
- The deadline to apply was July 3.

Arkansas Recovery Website

- Arkansas has launched helparkansas.com, a one-stop website for tornado recovery resources.
 - This website includes information on federal, state, local and charitable resources for tornado survivors, as well as volunteer and charity opportunities for Arkansans seeking to help.

Social Media

- [Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Facebook \(@AR_Emergencies\)](#)
- [Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Twitter \(@AR_Emergencies\)](#)
- [FEMA Region 6 Facebook \(@femaregion6\)](#)
- [FEMA Region 6 Twitter \(@femaregion6\)](#)

Major Disaster Declaration (April 2, 2023)

- Three Arkansas counties were designated for FEMA Individual Assistance: Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski.
- Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski Counties are also designated for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.
- On April 13, the Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-4698-DR-AR) was amended.
 - Cross, Lonoke and Pulaski Counties were approved for FEMA's Public Assistance Categories of work C-G.
- On Saturday, April 8, the Major Disaster Declaration for Arkansas was amended.
 - Federal funds for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, have been increased to 100 percent of the total eligible costs for a continuous 30-day period April 10 to May 10, 2023.
- On April 24, Cross County was approved for the Direct Temporary Housing Program.
- All 75 Arkansas counties are approved for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance.

FEMA Products

News Release 001: [Arkansas Survivors Can Apply for Possible FEMA Assistance](#)

News Release 002: [Arkansans – Be Prepared for Potential Severe Weather](#)

News Release 003: [Arkansans - Be Alert to Fraud After a Disaster](#)

News Release 004: [What to Expect After Applying for FEMA Assistance](#)

News Release 005: [FEMA in the Field – Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams Help Arkansas Residents](#)

News Release 006: [FEMA Program Aids Disaster Survivors with Critical Needs Assistance](#)

- News Release 007: [Submitting an SBA Loan Application Could Bring More FEMA Grant Assistance](#)
- News Release 008: [Joint Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Central Arkansas](#)
- News Release 009: [Disaster Recovery Center to Open in Wynne, Arkansas](#)
- News Release 010: [Joint Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in Jacksonville and Sherwood](#)
- News Release 011: [Use FEMA Grants for Intended Purposes](#)
- News Release 012: [When Applying for Disaster Assistance, Provide FEMA with Your Insurance Documentation](#)
- News Release 013: [Hours to Change at Disaster Recovery Centers](#)
- News Release 014: [Private Nonprofit Arkansas Houses of Worship May Be Eligible for FEMA Help to Cover Tornado Damage](#)
- News Release 015: [FEMA Specialists to Offer Rebuilding Tips in Sherwood](#)
- News Release 016: [Two Weeks Remain to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance After March 31 Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- News Release 017: [Two Weeks Remain to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance After March 31 Severe Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- News Release 018: [FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Arkansas Closing Permanently June 28](#)
- News Release 019: [One Week Left to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance but FEMA Remains in Arkansas](#)
- Fact Sheet 001: [Replacing Lost or Missing Document](#)
- Fact Sheet 002: [Resources for Repairing, Retrofitting and Rebuilding After a Tornado](#)
- Fact Sheet 003: [FEMA May Help You with Moving and Storage Expenses](#)
- Fact Sheet 004: [You Asked: I'm a Renter, Can I Get Assistance from FEMA?](#)
- Fact Sheet 005: [Types of Assistance Available for Arkansas Survivors of Storms and Tornadoes](#)
- Fact Sheet 006: [Letters or Online Updates Provide Valuable Information to Survivors](#)
- Fact Sheet 007: [FEMA Assistance Won't Affect Other Benefits](#)
- Fact Sheet 008: [Resources to Assist Your Recovery](#)
- Fact Sheet 009: [FEMA Offers Equal Access to All Disaster Survivors](#)
- Fact Sheet 010: [How to Document Home Ownership and Occupancy for FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)
- Fact Sheet 011: [FEMA May Contact You by Phone](#)
- Fact Sheet 012: [You Asked: Is FEMA assistance available if I'm being asked to leave my storm-damaged home?](#)
- Fact Sheet 013: [Appealing FEMA's Decision on Your Application for Assistance](#)
- Fact Sheet 014: [Beware of Fraudulent Contractors](#)
- Fact Sheet 015: [FEMA Remains in Arkansas to Support Survivors](#)
- Fact Sheet 016: [FEMA Help May Be Available if You Are Asked to Leave Storm-Damaged Home](#)
- Fact Sheet 017: [FEMA Remains in Arkansas to Support Survivors](#)

For concerns and allegations of discrimination, please contact the Office of Equal Rights at headquarters at **202-212-3535** or FEMA-Civil-Rights-Program-OER@fema.dhs.gov.