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## USDA and FEMA Coordinate to Provide Rural Development Grants to 26 Kentucky Rural Counties

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) has announced the availability of grants to help people repair their homes that were damaged by historic flooding and storms in 2022. Survivors living in 26 Kentucky counties may be eligible for funding.

Following the July 2022 storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky, FEMA Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) mission assigned the USDA to assist low-income residents with additional funding sources available through their Rural Development program. IRC coordinated with **FEMA Individual Assistance** to identify potential eligible homeowners who continue to have housing needs and meet the requirements for USDA RD funding. This data allowed USDA RD to show congress the need for additional support to very-low-income residents rebuilding following the storms. These funds were then made available through the Disaster Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2023.

**Residents in the following counties may be eligible for the funding:** Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clay, Cumberland, Floyd, Green, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Taylor, Whitley and Wolfe Counties.

This grant program (while not duplicating any other benefits) can offer up to \$40,675 to very low-income households. The grants are made available through supplemental disaster funding under the [Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program](#). Through this program, people may apply to receive grants directly from USDA to repair their homes. Funds will be available until expended. Grants may be used to:

- pay for home repair expenses that were a result of a Presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022;
- prepare a site for a manufactured home; or
- relocate a manufactured home.

For more information on how to apply, contact Rural Development Kentucky's Single-Family Housing team at 859-224-7322 or visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-page/kentucky-contacts>.



# Severe Weather Declaration Activity

**Purpose/Overview:** This page details information for ongoing declarations that occurred as a result of natural and man-made disasters. This information is intended to enable our partners to better serve and assist survivors. This data was captured **03/09/2023 at 11:00 AM EST** and reflects the most current data in FEMA's systems.

## Declaration Requests in Process

State/Tribe/Territory-Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
<b>Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma</b> - Tornadoes	DR		X	X	01/03/2023
<b>TX</b> – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	02/21/2023
<b>CA</b> – Heat Dome and Wildfires (Appeal)	DR		X	X	03/05/2023
<b>ND</b> - Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	03/21/2023
<b>KY</b> – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	03/27/2023
<b>IL</b> – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	EM		X		04/05/2023
<b>Hoopa Valley Tribe</b> – Severe Winter Storms, Snowstorm, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	04/05/2023
<b>IN</b> – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	04/06/2023

## Declared Non-Congregate Sheltering

<b>Incident</b>	<b>DR-4673-FL</b>	<b>EM-3592-CA</b>	<b>DR-4697-MS</b>	<b>DR-4698-AR</b>
<b>Population</b>	1589(State)	41 (ARC)	565(ARC)	0(ARC)

## Declared Congregate Sheltering

<b>Incident</b>	<b>EM – 3592 -CA</b>	<b>DR-4697-MS</b>	<b>DR-4698-AR</b>
<b>Population</b>	311(ARC)	12(ARC)	56(ARC)

## Non-Declared Congregate Sheltering

<b>Incident</b>	<b>HAZ – IN</b>	<b>FLOOD – UT</b>
<b>Population</b>	3(ARC)	0(ARC)

## Non-Declared Non-Congregate Sheltering

<b>Incident</b>	<b>OST – AL</b>
<b>Population</b>	1(ARC)

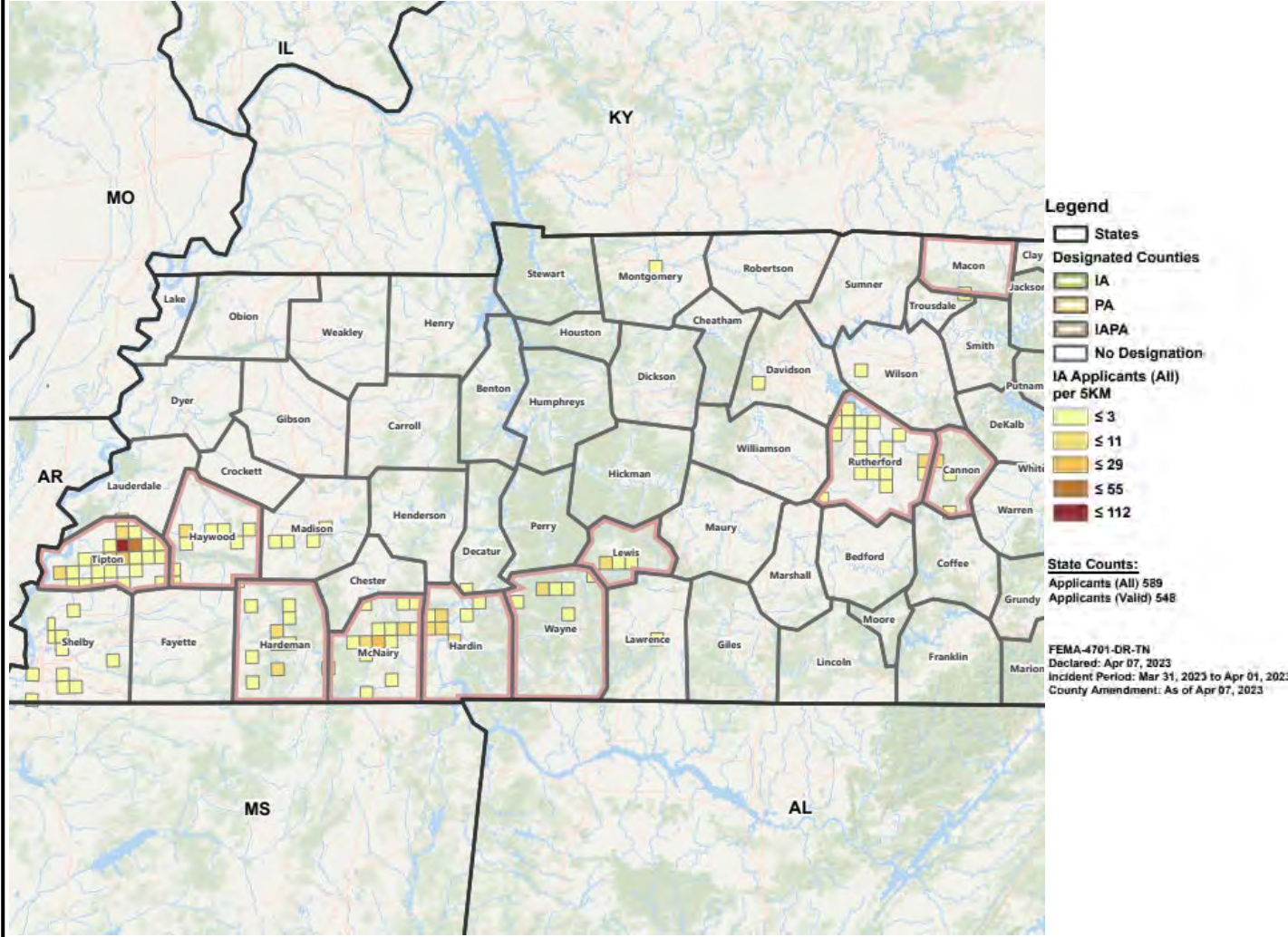
# Registration Information: -DR-4701-TN

Severe Storms, Straight-Lines Winds, and Tornadoes  
(Declared: 4/7/2023 – Last Filing Date: 6/6/2023)



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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



## Disaster Stats For DR-4701-TN

Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
307	61	48	41	23	
Tipton	McNairy	Hardin	Rutherford	Hardeman	
Registrations					
Total	Valid			Invalid	
589	548			41	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved	Denied		Pending	
340	1	131		208	
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
453	430		215		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$462,066	\$379,248		\$82,818		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
332	41%	25%	19%	15%	1%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
201	39%	17%	22%	19%	2%

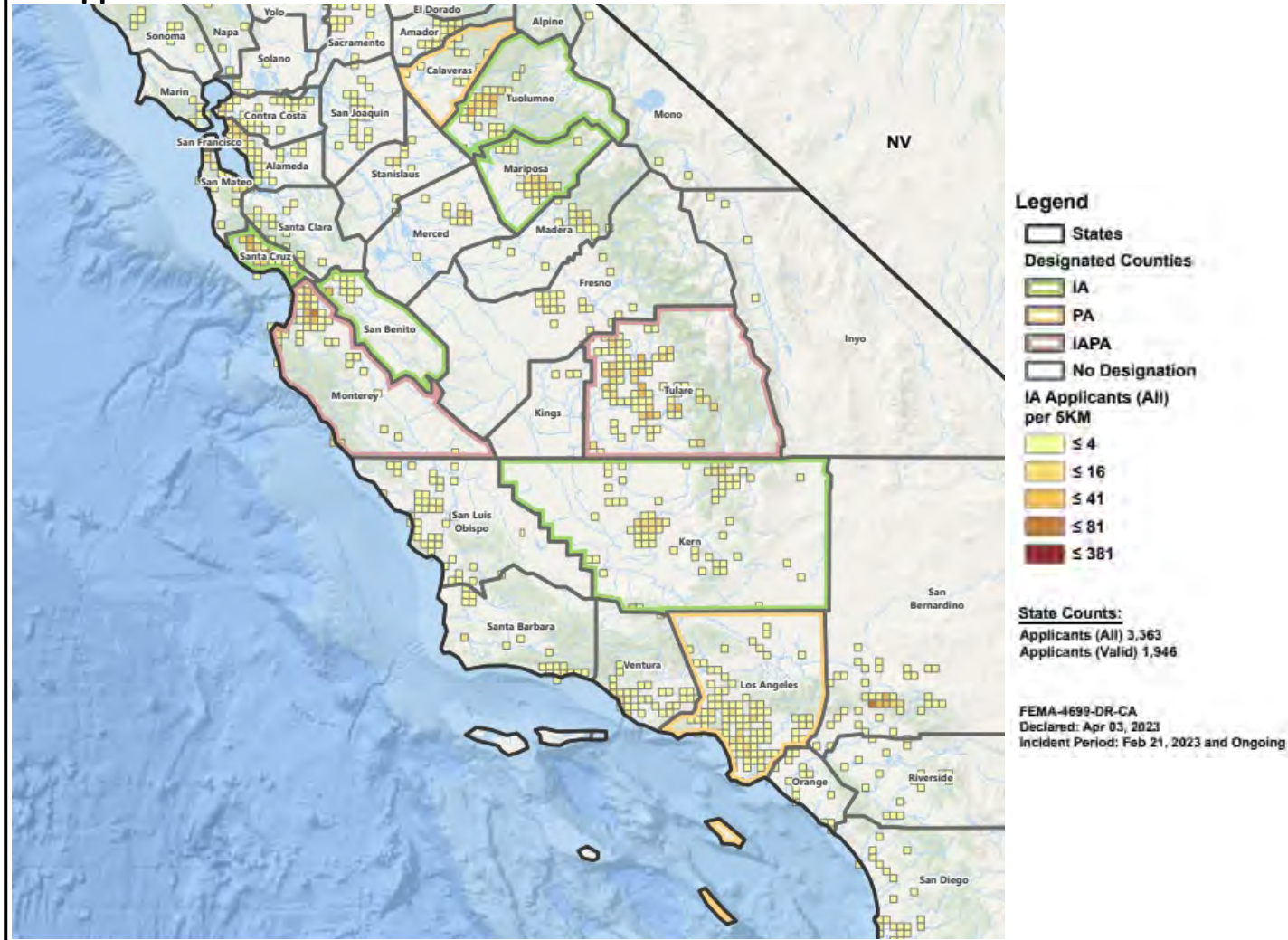


# Registration Information: -DR-4699-CA

Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Lines Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides  
(Declared: 4/3/2023 – Last Filing Date: 6/5/2023)

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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



## Disaster Stats For DR-4699-CA

Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
633	449	353	222	200	
Monterey	Tulare	Santa Cruz	San Bernardino	Los Angeles	
Registrations					
Total	Valid			Invalid	
2,726	1,864			862	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved	Denied	Pending		
2,008	9	571	1,428		
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
1,421	1,317		685		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$2,491,600	\$2,130,130		\$361,469		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
1,874	44%	31%	17%	4%	4%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
960	30%	28%	20%	16%	6%

# Registration Information: DR-4698-AR

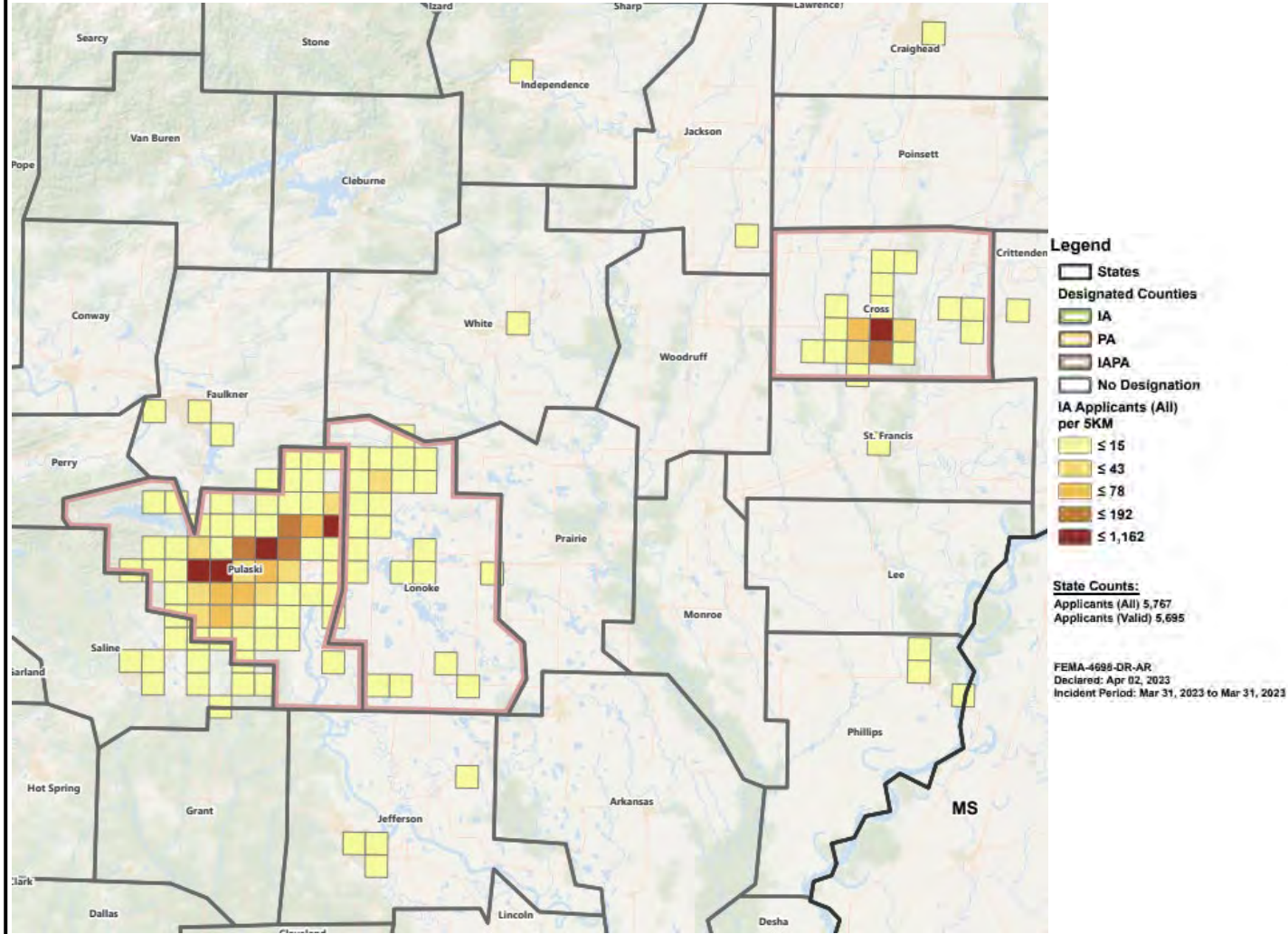
Severe Storms and Tornadoes

(Declared: 4/2/2023 – Last Filing Date: 6/1/2023)



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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



## Disaster Stats For DR-4698-AR

Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
4,561	1,058	84	19	5	
Pulaski	Cross	Lonoke	Saline	Jefferson	
Registrations					
Total	Valid			Invalid	
5,766	5,694			72	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved	Denied	Pending		
1,877	7	612	1,258		
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
4,724	4,078		3,323		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$4,050,588	\$1,894,391		\$2,156,197		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
1,761	37%	27%	25%	9%	2%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
2,958	32%	20%	29%	15%	4%



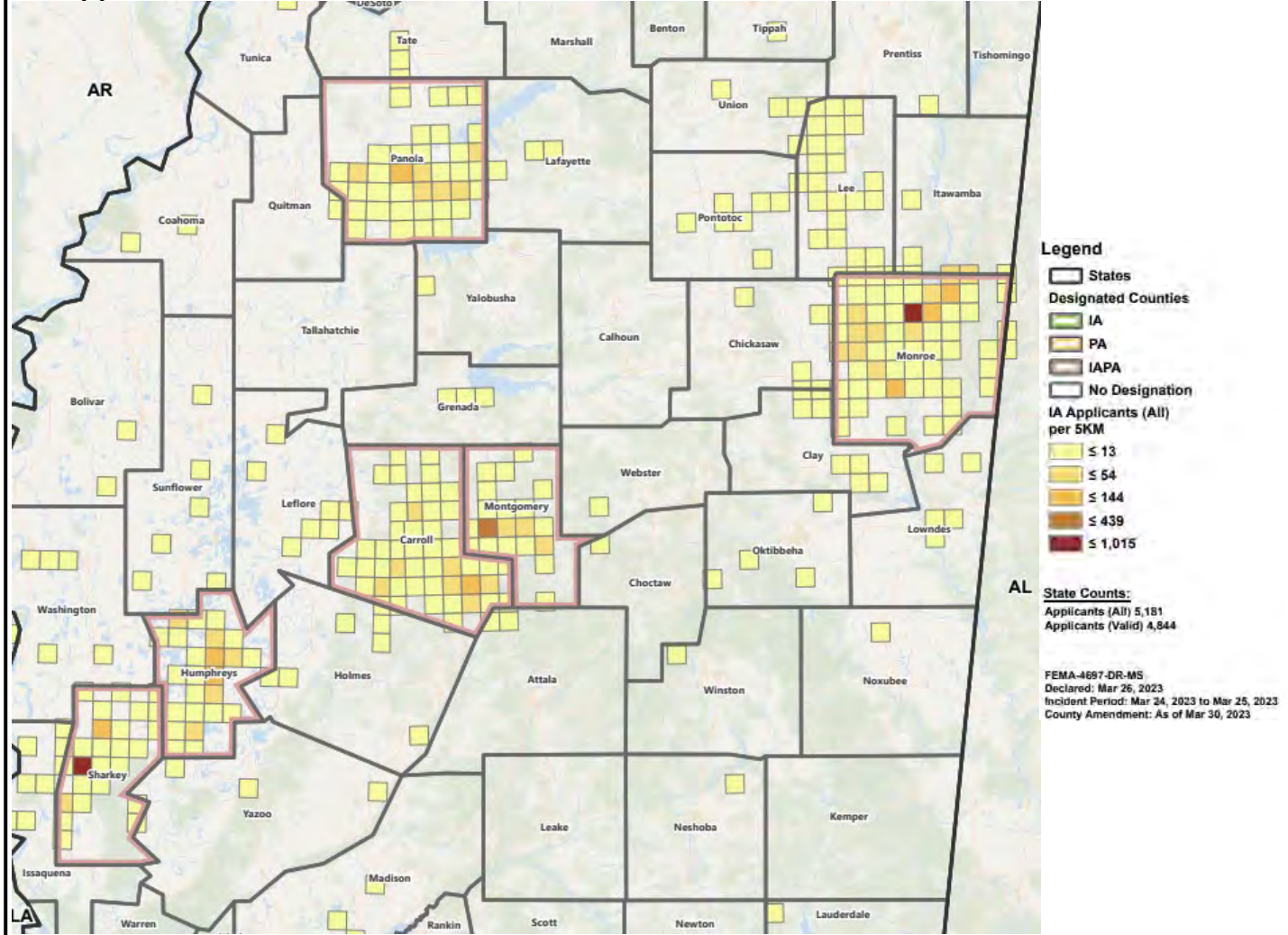
# Registration Information: DR-4697-MS

Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes  
(Declared: 3/26/2023 – Last Filing Date: 5/25/2023)



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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



## Disaster Stats For DR-4697-MS

Disaster Stats For DR-4697-MS					
Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
1,789	1,164	608	524	404	
Monroe	Sharkey	Montgomery	Humphreys	Panola	
Registrations					
Total	Valid			Invalid	
5,181	4,844			337	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved	Denied		Pending	
3,133	35	1,518		1,580	
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
3,796	3,350		2,593		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$5,635,310	\$3,375,528		\$2,259,781		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
2,832	33%	29%	22%	13%	2%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
1,433	23%	19%	38%	19%	2%

# Regional Operational Updates

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## Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

### **DR-4701-TN:**

- Federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Tennessee to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes from March 31 to April 1, 2023. Designated counties: Cannon, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Lewis, Macon, McNairy, Rutherford, Tipton, and Wayne counties.
- FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams are going door-to-door in Cannon, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Lewis, Macon, McNairy, Rutherford, Tipton and Wayne County neighborhoods to help individuals apply for FEMA assistance.
- The State and TN VOAD have not reported any unmet needs at this time; this might change, but for now the Long Term Recovery Groups and community groups are meeting needs.
- There are no remaining open shelters. Shelter population remained low, despite just under 400 major/destroyed residences.
- Fixed Outreach Site open in Hardin County (Crump Fire Hall) and a Mobile Outreach in DeSoto and Shelby counties, with plans for additional fixed sites in McNairy and Tipton.
- Mobile feeding continues in Hardin McNairy, Tipton, and Wayne counties.

### **DR-4697-MS:**

- Disaster Legal Services (DLS) offers free legal assistance to low-income Mississippi tornado survivors. If a survivor is not able to afford an attorney for disaster-related needs, DLS may be able to help. A toll-free legal aid hotline accepts calls 24-hours a day: (877) 691-6185. The survivor may be prompted to leave a message and a specialist will call back as soon as possible.
- Survivors whose home was damaged by the March 24-25 tornadoes but can live in it safely may be eligible to receive up to \$300 in one-time financial assistance to help with cleanup. This Clean and Sanitize Assistance is for eligible homeowners and renters in the IA-designated counties: Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, Montgomery, Panola and Sharkey.
- The Home Cleanup Hotline has been extended to help survivors of the Mississippi tornadoes. They anticipate that most volunteer groups will work through Friday, April 21, 2023.
- Two mobile Disaster Recovery Centers will be making stops in Monroe County throughout the month of April. The dates and locations are:
  - Wren Fire Department, 32659 Hwy 45N, Aberdeen, MS 39730 > April 16 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; April 17-19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Rose of Sharon, 520 111th St. Amory, MS 38821 > April 14 and 15 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; April 20 from Noon to 7 p.m.; April 21 and 22 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; April 23 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Two additional DRCs have opened. Center hours are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday, and 1 – 6 p.m. Sunday:
  - Montgomery County: Montgomery County Coliseum 200 Recreation Dr. Winona, MS 38967 | Panola County: MS State University Extension Center 245 Eureka St, Suite C Batesville, MS 38606

### **DR-4702-KY:**

- Federal disaster assistance has been made available in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on March 3-4.
- Public Assistance funding is available to affected state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities in Adair, Allen, Anderson, Barren, Bourbon, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Estill, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Graves, Grayson, Green, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Hart, Henry, Hopkins, Hickman, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, LaRue, Laurel, Lee, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Martin, McCracken, McLean, Meade, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Owsley, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Simpson, Spencer, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Warren, Washington, Webster, Whitley and Wolfe counties.



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## Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)

### DR-4698-AR:

- Five joint State/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened in Central Arkansas to help survivors affected by the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on March 31:
  - West Central Community Center, 8616 Colonel Glenn Rd., Little Rock, AR 72204 | Hours: Monday - Sunday, 7 am–7 pm.
  - North Little Rock Community Center, 2700 Willow St., North Little Rock, AR 72114 | Hours: Monday - Sunday, 7 am–7 pm.
  - Ridgeview Church, 999 US Hwy 64 East, Wynne, AR 72396 | Hours: Monday - Saturday 7 am –7 pm, Sunday: 1–7 pm.
  - Jacksonville 1st United Methodist Church, 308 W Main St., Jacksonville, AR 72076 | Hours: Mon-Sun: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
  - Sherwood Wildwood Center & Medical Tower, 2402 Wildwood Ave., North Little Rock, AR 72207 | Hours: Mon-Sun: 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
- As of COB 4/11/23, there are 30 active Points of Distributions (PODs) and 20 open Donation Centers operated by voluntary agencies, faith-based groups, and local government.
- Six (6) VALs are on the ground and have been conducting outreach to local, state, national voluntary agencies, and non-profits in Cross and Pulaski Counties who are providing disaster relief services.
- As of 4/11/23, there are five shelters open with a population of 70 households. American Red Cross is supporting families in the transition process from congregate to non-congregate shelters.

### DR-4611-LA:

- VALs have assisted applicants receive \$2,677,912.38 in additional IHP funding through case review and appeals.
- VALs have received 2570 (+9) referrals; 2485 (+5) of those cases are closed and 85 (+4) are open.
- VALs have received 3228 (+70) Duplication of Benefits requests from disaster case management agencies and have completed 3151 (+71) to date.
- Voluntary agencies report 959 (+3) Homes have been repaired/rebuilt and 329 (0) homes are pending home repairs/rebuilding.

## Region 3 (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)

### Delaware:

- EF-3 tornado ran a 14-mile track between Bridgeville and Greenwood in Sussex County.
- Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) reports that Damage Assessment shows that roughly 100 homes were damaged.
- United Way of Delaware is helping to organize a community cleanup, with multiple Volunteer Days: <https://volunteer.uwde.org/need/>
- Survivors can contact Delaware 211, an emergency resource center powered by United Way of Delaware. They can dial 2-1-1, call 1-800-560-3372 or text their zip code to 898211. Based on their current situation, callers will be matched with assistance from an appropriate agency or organization to address both short-term and long-term unmet needs.

## Navajo Nation Reservation (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah)

### DR-4703:

- Federal disaster assistance has been made available for the Navajo Nation to supplement the tribal recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe winter storms and flooding that occurred Jan. 14-17, 2023.
- Public Assistance federal funding is available to the Navajo Nation and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storms and flooding.



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## Region 7 (NE, IA, KS, MO)

### Missouri:

- Multi-Agency Resource Center in Marble Hill (Bollinger County Health Department Safe Room, 107 Hwy 51 N, Marble Hill, MO 63764) has assisted 86 families representing 269 individuals, as of April 12. Emotional and spiritual care, as well as meals and childcare provided.
- Locals working to identify POD location, a larger warehouse space, and local transportation support.
- State Emergency Management Agency is working with **SBA** on a separate damage assessment.
- Partner Updates:
  - **Red Cross Shelter** - No overnight occupants at Marble Hill shelter.
  - **The Salvation Army** – clean up and tarping at one resident in Scopus area
  - **Southern Baptists Missouri** – Providing laundry and shower facilities in Glenallen; feeding, chainsaw and cleanup work.
  - **East Missouri Action Agency** – Trailer located at Glenallen discount store parking lot (Hwy 34 & ZZ), 9am – 3pm; distributing food, cleaning items, hygiene kits, gas cards, food gift certificates, shovels – need for air mattresses.
  - **Church of Christ** - Operating a donations/distribution center in Marble Hill. Distributed 150 food boxes; an additional 150 non-perishable food boxes available, as well as gas cards, sodas, one appliance or one room of furniture, supplies from Procter & Gamble. All will be available at the MARC.
  - **United Way 211** – Service is available to connect survivors to resources; few calls received.
  - **Cross Trails** – Distributed roof tarps and 450 hygiene kits.
  - **Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri** – Conducting Disaster Case Management intakes at MARC.

## Region 7 (NE, IA, KS, MO)

### DR-4683-CA | DR-4699-CA:

- A Disaster Recovery Center opened in Tuolumne County for residents who were affected by the severe storms and flooding that started on Feb. 21: Tuolumne Community Resilience Center, 18241 Bay Avenue, Tuolumne, CA 95379. Center hours: 9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; closed Sundays.
- FEMA VALs deployed to the Coastal, Inland, and Southern California regions of the Office of Emergency Management and are coordinating with state VALs to provide coverage for all IA designated counties. Identifying local needs and recruiting resources to support.
- Coordinating with voluntary agencies as they shift resources from recovery in DR4683 to response in DR4699 (same agencies).
- Continued support to highly impacted counties of Merced and Monterey, conducting outreach to affected communities.
  - In Merced County, FEMA VAL is participating in the development of the Merced County Long Term Recovery Group (MCLTRG).
  - In Monterey County, agencies are in response mode, supporting the Local Assistance Center (LAC) and coordinating a new round of muck-out work. A FEMA VAL has been deployed to the County EOC as part of a surge of resources to the Pajaro community.
  - As Monterey County is back in response, Long Term Recovery Group activities are on hold.
  - Initiating contact with designated counties in DR466.

# Partners in Action: All Hazards

## Disaster Distress Helpline

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**Español** MARCA **2**

**LGBTQIA+ Youth** PRESS **3**

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You will get support from a trained **Crisis Counselor.**

Call or text 988, or chat **988Lifeline.org**

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The national Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) is a program of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) administered by Vibrant Emotional Health.

Calls and texts to the DDH, including direct options for support in [Spanish](#) and [American Sign Language](#), are answered by trained counselors from a network of independently-operated crisis centers located across the country who offer brief, supportive counseling for survivors and responders of natural or human-caused disasters, to help them move forward on the path of recovery.

Learn more about the DDH @ <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>.

A one-page summary of DDH information/resources can be viewed, downloaded, and shared @ <https://bit.ly/3rc8cRE> and is available in 30+ additional languages @ <https://issuu.com/disasterdistresshelpline>.

For any questions, DDH materials requests, or coordination of DDH resources before, during, and after disasters, email [ddh@vibrant.org](mailto:ddh@vibrant.org).







## MARCH ARKANSAS STORMS HOME CLEANUP HOTLINE: 501-214-0422

If you need assistance with damage from the storms in Arkansas, call the number above to ask for help. We will connect you with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups and faith communities who may be able to assist with:

-  Cut fallen trees
-  Drywall, flooring & appliance removal
-  Tarping roofs
-  Mold mitigation

All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. This hotline will remain open through Friday, April 21, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: this hotline CANNOT assist with social services such as food, clothing, shelter, insurance, or questions about FEMA registration. Volunteers work free of charge and provide the tools and equipment necessary to complete the work.







# Operations Update: FEMA Donations Unit

## Top Priority Needs

as identified by non-profit and/or faith-based organizations

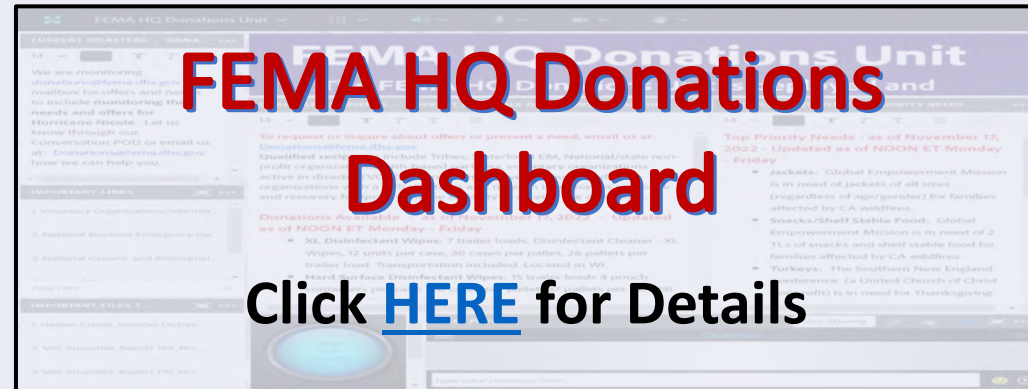


## Current Open Offers

Current open/available offers for partners: **378** trailer loads equal approx. **7.3 million** items

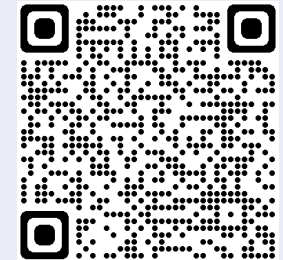


Please visit our FEMA HQ Donations Dashboard below for specific details on these donations and partner priority needs!



*On a mobile device?*

Use our QR code to access the Dashboard:



If your organization is interested in the available donation offers or can fulfill any of the identified needs – or have any product needs for current operations, please reach out to the team's common email account: [Donations@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Donations@fema.dhs.gov)



# Donation Partner in Action: Arkansas



**Pictured above:** A Sloan Mobile Restroom in its current location in Wynne, Arkansas assisting the community with people in need. Devastation in the area of Wynne, Arkansas.

On Friday, March 31, many lives were changed in the little town of Wynne, Arkansas. A confirmed EF3 Tornado with wind speeds of 165 miles per hour impacted the region, damaging trees, homes, and businesses along its path, including taking the roof off of a school. Sloan received a call for help and dispatched a mobile restroom unit to offer support to the community.



The luxury, mobile restroom units are fully sponsored and provided by Sloan to help support communities throughout the United States. The restrooms were designed for first responders, volunteers, and disaster survivors alike. They are self-sufficient and can aid during natural disasters, emergencies, and other catastrophic events.

For more information, [visit Sloan's website](#).

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# Partners in Action: Arkansas



Through their Get Off The Couch™ programming, [Sheep Dog Impact Assistance \(SDIA\)](#) is a national nonprofit providing charitable services benefitting the overall well-being of the nation's "Sheep Dogs" (Veterans, Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue, and EMS personnel) through Outdoor Adventures (physical activity), Warrior PATHH training (mental wellness) and Continued Service/Disaster Response (volunteerism) programs.

As their Disaster Response (DR) Teams wrapped up their work in Mississippi, they quickly inventoried, restocked, and geared back up to focus on the areas devastated by tornadoes in the south.

Their Central Arkansas Chapter deployed to West Little Rock, and the Southern Indiana Chapter headed to Sullivan, Indiana – both teams got right to work helping residents.

A DR Team from Northwest Arkansas traveled to the small town of Wynne, Arkansas, and began chainsaw operations to remove trees from homes, roads and property.



**Pictured:** SDIA members and volunteers have boots on the ground in Arkansas doing all they can to provide assistance. *Photos disseminated by Sheep Dog Impact Assistance.*



# Partners in Action: Mississippi



[Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief](#) is on the ground in five locations after multiple tornadoes have touched down across the South and Midwest over the past two weeks. Their volunteers are out in Mississippi, Tennessee, Indiana, and Arkansas helping tarp roofs, clear fallen trees, and salvage any personal belongings.

In Mississippi, within hours of the deadly tornadoes that left a trail of widespread damage, Samaritan's Purse sent staff to assess the damage. Two Disaster Relief Units were deployed—tractor-trailers stocked with tools and equipment: one to the Rolling Fork and Silver City region and another to Amory, Mississippi.

Since then, over 700 volunteers from all over the country have tarped roofs, cleared debris, salvaged personal belongings, and removed trees across Mississippi.



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**Pictured:** Top – Julia Powell with a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team Chaplain at her home; Center - Becky Miles hugs her rediscovered wedding album alongside a Samaritan's Purse volunteer; Bottom – the tornado that hit Rolling Fork left behind an incredible trail of destruction. *Photos disseminated by Samaritan's Purse.*

# Partners in Action: Southern Border Mission



An intake center in Devens, Massachusetts is providing temporary shelter to people, including expectant mothers, nursing women, and children.

To offer comfort and ease during their stay, volunteers from the [Tzu Chi USA](#) Northeast Region's Boston Service Center responded to the Massachusetts state government's call for supplies, swiftly assembling 100 care packages - including diapers, baby formula, feminine products, toothpaste, and much more.

Although it was a standard commodities delivery for Buddhist Tzu Chi USA, the process of preparation and procurement still touched the new volunteers and gave them an understanding of the Tzu Chi spirit. Everyone also enjoyed the rice balls and snacks specially prepared by the volunteers to keep the energy of love alive.



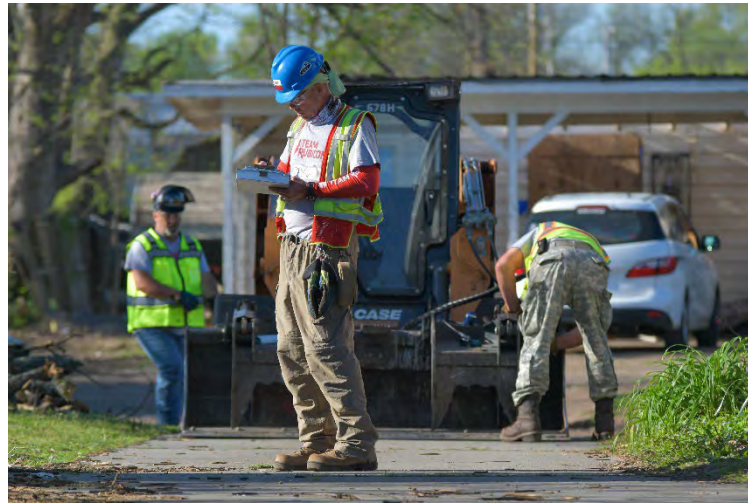
**Pictured:** Tzu Chi volunteers assembled and delivered care packages for immigrants at the Devens, Massachusetts temporary shelter.

*Photos disseminated by Tzu Chi USA.*





**SELMA, AL:** Team Rubicon is returning to continue a rebuild in Selma, Alabama, assisting homeowners affected by the tornadoes.



**WYNNE, AR:** Team Rubicon is assisting survivors of tornadoes in Arkansas with roof tarping, muck outs, and debris removal.

# Team Rubicon



Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises.

Team Rubicon continues to respond to hazards throughout the nation including hurricanes, wildfires, and any other disasters that occur.

[www.teamrubiconusa.org](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org)

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# Tools for Partners: News You Can Use

*Purpose/Overview:* The VAC Snapshot is published weekly and intended to provide partners with situational awareness to assist in determining if, where, and how they may deploy resources. It will be sent out each Friday. Email [FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov) to subscribe.

## Call for Applications: Open Data Framework

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Open Data Framework program will build a framework needed to create a neutral and secure data repository and cooperative where producers, universities and nonprofit entities can store and share data in ways that will foster agricultural innovation and will support technological progress, production efficiencies, and environmental stewardship.

Join the NIFA staff for a Request for Applications (RFA) technical assistance Q&A webinar on Thursday, April 27, 2023 - 3:30pm EDT, about the Open Data Framework. NIFA staff will briefly highlight the program and then will spend the remainder of time answering participants' questions. A pre-recorded video is available to applicants on the funding opportunity listing; applicants are highly encouraged to watch the pre-recorded video prior to this RFA technical assistance live Q&A webinar.

- [Click here](#) to register for the webinar and watch the pre-recorded video.
- [Click here](#) to download the Request for Applications.
- [Click here](#) to apply for grant.



## Civil Rights Summit After Action Report Published

Ensuring civil rights are integrated into FEMA's programs is vital to our mission success and our agency values. To better understand what is working and what needs improvement, FEMA invited over 700 representatives, including representatives from nonprofit, federal and academic organizations such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the American Red Cross, Department of Homeland Security Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, University of South Carolina School of Law, FEMA's National Tribal Affairs Advocate, the City of Philadelphia Fire Commissioner, and leaders of civil rights organizations. The After-Action report from these discussions is now published.

✓ [Click here](#) to download.

## News You Can Share: Three Tips to Protect Your Money in an Emergency

April is [National Financial Capability Month](#): a reminder that everyone should arm themselves with the knowledge and skills to effectively manage their finances every day, but especially in case of an emergency.

FEMA is offering three key steps to financially prepare for unexpected disasters:

- **Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information.** Have extra originals or copies of passports, driver's licenses, insurance and medical information, birth and marriage certificates and other critical documents stored in a safe, easily accessible location—such as a safe deposit box, external hard drive or the cloud—to avoid any issues.
- **Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis.** Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place too. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.
- **Obtain property, health and life insurance if you do not have them.** Not all insurance policies are the same. Review your policy to make sure the amount and types of coverage meet the requirements for all possible hazards. For example, homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program.

An easy way to start preparing your finances for an emergency is by completing an [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit](#). For even more information on how to financially prepare for an unexpected emergency or disaster, visit [www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness](http://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness).



# Tools for Partners: Grant Opportunities

## Recovery and Resilience Resource Library: Records Added Last Seven Days (as of April 12, 2023).

**These resources are not a complete roster of all available programs.** The following are for general informational purposes and provided with publicly obtainable information. Please view this only as a starting point for individual research; visit the [Recovery and Resilience Resource Library](#) for a full listing. The user should always directly consult the provider of a potential resource for current program information and to verify the applicability of a particular program. Resource Reports are not final policy interpretations nor guarantees of funding and do not constitute an endorsement by FEMA for any program or entity.

Resource Provider / Deadline	Program / Website	MAX-TRAX	Description	Eligibility	Geographic Eligibility
<b>Dollar General Literacy Foundation</b> Deadline: Apr-27-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Dollar General Literacy Foundation - Youth Literacy Grant</a>	<a href="#">RR-30377</a>	Dollar General Literacy Foundation's grant programs help improve the lives of people of all ages in many different communities.	For-Profit Organizations, Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b>	National
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> Deadline: May-26-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Healthy Communities Grant Program for New England (66.110)</a>	<a href="#">RR-30368</a>	EPA New England's main competitive grant program to fund work directly with communities to support EPA's mission to reduce environmental risks, protect and improve human health and improve the quality of life.	Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Public/Private Institutions of Education K-12, Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education, State, Tribe	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Tribal - Federally Recognized, Vermont
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development - Public and Indian Housing</b> Deadline: Jun-6-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program (14.892)</a>	<a href="#">RR-30349</a>	The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by redeveloping severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing and catalyzing critical improvements in the neighborhood.	Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Public/Indian Housing Authorities, Tribe	National
<b>Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Community Living</b> Deadline: Jun-6-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Zayed Sustainability Prize: Climate Action</a>	<a href="#">RR-30365</a>	Centers for Independent Living (CILs) provide independent living services focused on enabling an individual to achieve independence in their community.	Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Tribe	American Samoa



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