

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering assistance that includes grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured or underinsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the devastating effects of the flood.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

Callers will be asked to provide their Social Security number (including spouse), private insurance information, address and ZIP code of the damaged property, directions to the damaged property, and their daytime telephone number and current mailing address.

Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Smartphone and tablet users may register at the mobile site m.fema.gov.