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DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR GEORGIANS NEARS \$4 MILLION

Final day to apply is July 22

ATLANTA – It's not too late to apply if you were among the thousands of Georgians affected by the May 11-12 tornadoes and storms. You have until midnight **Tuesday, July 22**, to register for federal disaster assistance, according to officials from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FEMA's toll-free registration number, **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those who are speech- or hearing-impaired should call TTY **800-462-7585**. Applicants also can register anytime online at www.fema.gov until midnight July 22.

Tuesday also is the deadline for homeowners, renters and businesses of any size and nonprofit organizations to submit loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). For individuals and families, SBA loan applications are a key part of the FEMA disaster assistance process.

If you are a homeowner or renter, and SBA determines you can not afford a loan, you may be referred to FEMA for other eligible assistance. More information about SBA is available at www.sba.gov or by calling 800-659-2955.

As of July 17, disaster recovery assistance for individuals, families and businesses had reached **\$3,954,164**. The following are the component figures:

- **\$1,992,664** under FEMA's Individuals & Households Program, including:
 - **\$1,528,543** in housing assistance for eligible applicants to be used for temporary disaster housing or to help make disaster-damaged homes safe, sanitary and functional.
 - **\$464,121** in Other Need Assistance (ONA) to replace personal property and to help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs.
- **\$1,961,500** in low-interest loans approved by the SBA, including:
 - **\$1,688,000** for homeowners and renters
 - **\$ 273,500** for businesses, non-profits and economic injury loss

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A county-by-county breakdown follows:

County	Housing Assistance	Other Needs Assistance	Individuals & Household Program	SBA	TOTAL
Bibb	\$ 832,638	\$272,222	\$1,104,860	\$ 880,600	\$1,985,460
Carroll	\$ 170,671	\$ 43,966	\$ 214,637	\$ 368,800	\$ 583,437
Douglas	\$ 22,926	\$ 2,962	\$ 25,888	\$ 89,000	\$ 14,888
Emanuel	\$ 19,553	\$ 570	\$ 20,123	\$ 40,400	\$ 60,523
Jefferson	\$ 51,627	\$ 14,824	\$ 66,451	\$ 25,900	\$ 92,351
Jenkins	\$ 152,466	\$ 45,370	\$ 197,836	\$ 86,000	\$ 283,836
Johnson	\$ 163,703	\$ 31,481	\$ 195,184	\$ 422,800	\$ 617,984
Laurens	\$ 44,511	\$ 14,825	\$ 59,336	\$ 11,100	\$ 70,436
McIntosh	\$ 23,882	\$ 34,552	\$ 59,434	\$ 6,900	\$ 65,334
Twiggs	\$ 46,566	\$ 3,349	\$ 49,915	\$ 30,000	\$ 79,915
TOTAL	\$1,528,543	\$464,121	\$1,992,664	\$1,961,500	\$3,954,164

**Figures are rounded*

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

SBA's disaster loans are the primary form of federal assistance for non-farm, private sector disaster losses. Disaster loans from SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations fund repair and replacement of disaster damaged real and personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 800-659-2955 or online at www.sba.gov.

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For more information on Georgia's disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or www.gema.ga.gov or www.georgia911.org