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GEORGIA DISASTER AID EXCEEDS \$3 MILLION

ATLANTA – Just two weeks after the presidential disaster declaration on April 23, more than 1,000 Georgians have registered for federal assistance to help with their losses from the flooding and storms March 26-April 13. The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that more than \$3 million in aid has been approved to help individuals and households recover.

“This funding helps hundreds of Georgians put their lives back together after challenging losses,” said GEMA Director Charley English.

Here are details about the assistance provided through May 8:

- FEMA approved \$2,855,867 to assist individuals and families with disaster-related housing and repair costs and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. Of this amount, \$2,598,450 is already disbursed.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$234,400 in disaster loans to individuals. SBA disaster loans are a primary source of assistance in federally declared disasters. SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, non-profit organizations and businesses of all sizes.
- 1,010 individuals, households and businesses have registered with FEMA.
- 668 people affected by the disaster met with recovery specialists at temporary Disaster Recovery Centers set up by GEMA and FEMA to offer in-person help for individuals with disaster-related needs.
- Housing inspectors have completed 95 percent (702) of the 739 requests for inspection of disaster-damaged property. Turnaround time from registration to inspection averages fewer than two days.

“FEMA continues reaching out to all eligible storm survivors in the affected counties with assistance to help them resume their normal lives as quickly as possible,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Terry Quarles.

Individuals can register with FEMA online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling toll free **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are staffed seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time. Help in all languages is available.

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Counties designated as eligible for FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program due to the March 26–April 13 storms and flooding are Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Camden, Coffee, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Montgomery, Pierce, Tattnall, Tift, Ware, Wheeler and Worth.

There are 45 counties eligible for the FEMA Public Assistance program, which provides financial assistance to local, state, and tribal governments and eligible non-profit organizations for disaster-related cleanup and repair of damaged infrastructure and facilities. Those counties are Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Calhoun, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dodge, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Pierce, Pulaski, Seminole, Tattnall, Telfair, Tift, Thomas, Toombs, Turner, Upson, Ware, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox and Worth.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

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.

FEMA’s temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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