



FEMA AND OTHER HELP FOR DISASTER SURVIVORS

What help can FEMA give?

FEMA can give you up to:

- \$35,500 to home owners to fix or rebuild their home
- \$35,500 for clothes, uniforms, school supplies, furniture, tools, stoves and other appliances, medical, dental, and other things you need (called "other needs assistance")
- 18 months of rent payments (called rental assistance)
- Money for funeral expenses
- Money for walkers, wheel chairs, grab bars, or other things needed by a person with a disability.

(All this money does not have to be paid back.)

You may not get the full amount. If your insurance or someone else pays for your loss, FEMA won't also pay you.

FEMA may ask you to apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA) before they help you replace your lost belongings. If you are approved for an SBA loan, FEMA won't pay to replace some of your things.

What if the home I own was damaged or destroyed?

- Use insurance first
- Ask for a FEMA grant of \$35,500
- Ask for an SBA Loan up to \$200,000

What about mortgage?

Read your mortgage or insurance papers to see if you have HUD or other mortgage insurance.

What if I lost my job because of the disaster?

Apply for Unemployment Insurance ("UI"). If you can't get regular UI, you may be able to get Disaster Unemployment.

Call 800-300-5616 or apply on line at: <https://eapply4ui.edd.ca.gov/>. The deadline to apply is usually 30 days after the disaster.

You can also apply for CALWORKs (cash aid) if you have children. Contact your county department of social services or apply at the Disaster Center.

What if I need food?

Contact the Red Cross. Also, you may be able to get CalFRESH (food stamps).

If you are already on CalFRESH, you can ask for money to replace the food you lost. Apply at your local welfare office or at the Disaster Center.

Apply for FEMA by:

Call: 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585)

Apply online: www.disasterassistance.gov

Problems? Questions?

Call for Free Legal Help
1-800-870-0732