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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIANA FOR HURRICANE IKE TOPS \$78 MILLION

INDIANAPOLIS – Federal assistance for Indiana residents, businesses and public sector infrastructure impacted by the Sept. 12 through Oct. 6 storms and flooding is now **\$78.5 million**.

These storms resulted in one of three presidential disaster declarations received by Indiana last year. All three declarations were the result of devastating weather events. This declaration occurred after Hurricane Ike dumped flooding rain in northern Indiana and severe storms ripped through the southern half of the state.

The assistance is in the form of grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

To date, **26,047** homeowners, renters and business owners have applied for disaster assistance.

- **\$78,554,288** in grants and loans have been approved for Indiana applicants, which includes:
 - **\$28,519,988** in housing assistance to cover temporary rental assistance, home repairs and replacement.
 - **\$5,761,698** in other needs assistance to cover essential personal property losses, medical, dental, funeral, transportation or other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance.
 - **\$28,774,500** in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans has been approved.
 - Officials continue to calculate total damage to the state's infrastructure. To date **\$15,498,102** has been obligated by FEMA for Public Assistance. This money is for the repair of roads, bridges and other public facilities and to reimburse state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for debris removal and other disaster related expenses.

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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.

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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