

INDIANA FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION

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Federal Disaster Declaration Approved July 22, 2025

Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding



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FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION

On July 22, 2025, President Donald Trump granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Indiana for severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding that occurred **March 30 to April 9, 2025**. The federal disaster declaration is for **public assistance only** for 24 counties.

Indiana has 30 days from the date of declaration to submit additional counties for public assistance.

HOW A DISASTER GETS DECLARED

There are certain criteria each county is evaluated by to be a designated county for a federal disaster declaration. [FEMA considers the following factors](#) for public assistance:

1. Estimated cost of the assistance
2. Localized impacts
3. Insurance coverage in force
4. Hazard mitigation
5. Recent multiple disasters
6. Other federal agency assistance programs

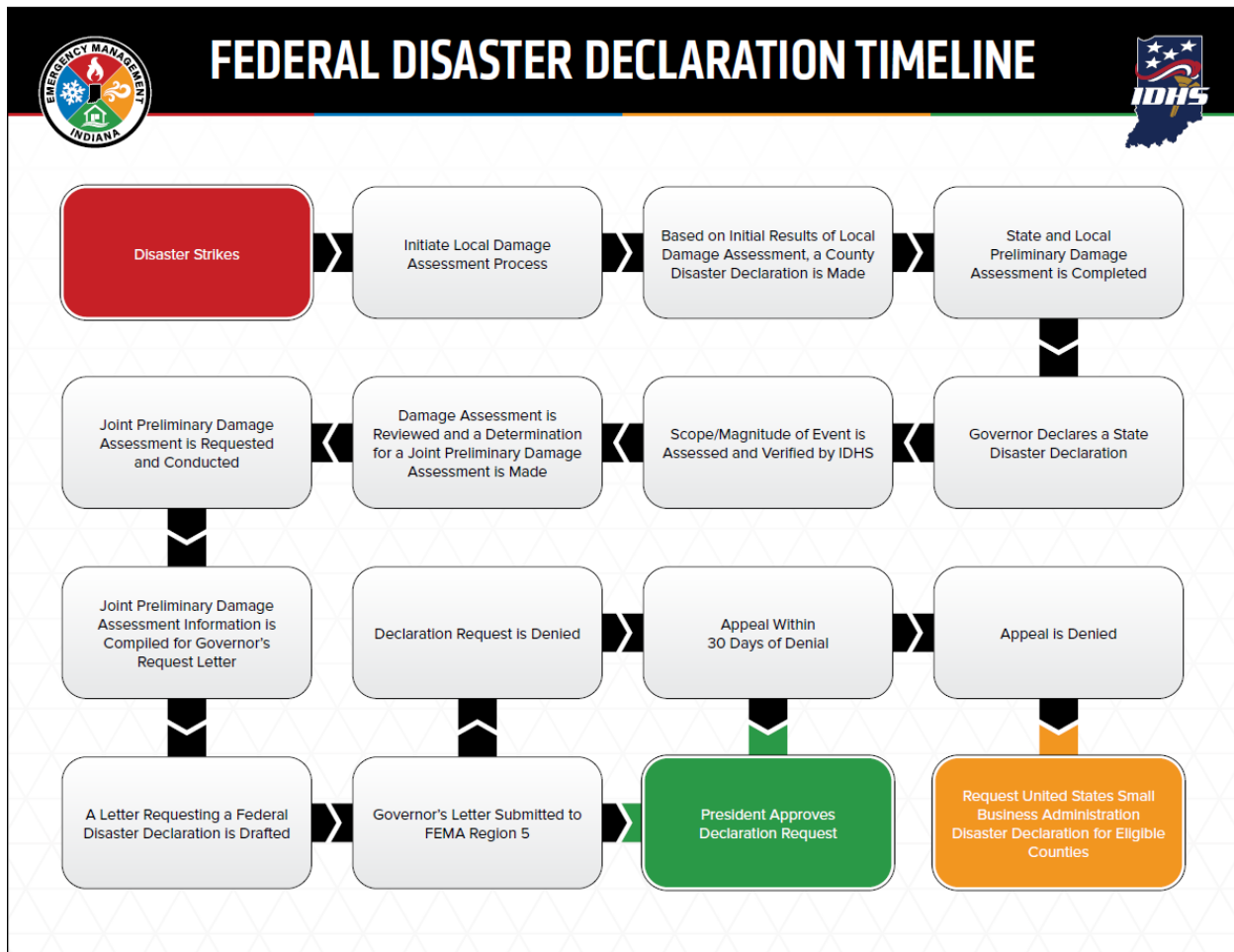
For individual assistance, FEMA considers the following factors:

1. State fiscal capacity and resource availability
2. Uninsured home and personal property losses impacted
3. Disaster impacted population profile/special populations
4. Impact to community infrastructure
5. Casualties
6. Disaster-related unemployment

On July 28, the federal disaster declaration for individual assistance was denied. IDHS is diligently reviewing its options to appeal this decision.

FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION PROCESS

Below you will find the typical series of events that occur once a disaster strikes, and what happens at both a local and state level prior to a federal disaster declaration request.



WHAT IS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The [FEMA Public Assistance Program](#) provides assistance to state, local, tribal and territorial governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations on a cost share basis (75% federal share, 25% state/local share).

FEMA's Public Assistance Program helps communities recover by reimbursing the costs of certain disaster related work and repairs. It is important to understand that this is a reimbursement program. State and local governments and certain non-profits pay upfront and then submit eligible costs to FEMA, through IDHS, for review and reimbursement.



Public Assistance Project Examples



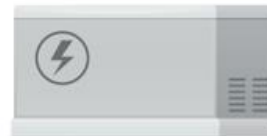
Restoration of buildings & equipment such as schools, hospitals, & facilities providing community services



Restoration of damaged roads and bridges



Debris removal from obstructed public roadways and infrastructure



Repair of public utilities and water systems

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CATEGORIES

Indiana was approved for the following public assistance categories for emergency work and repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities:

- A – Debris removal
- B – Emergency protective measures
- C – Roads and bridges

- D – Water control facilities
- E – Buildings and equipment
- F – Utilities
- G – Parks, recreational and other facilities

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

Provides money and direct services to eligible individuals and families affected by a disaster, for uninsured or under-insured necessary expenses and serious needs. It is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet your basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

Individual Assistance May Include:



Help with temporary housing



Repairing uninsured or underinsured homes



Other disaster-caused expenses and serious needs, such as repair or replacement of personal property & vehicles, or funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care, funeral, & other miscellaneous items.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Provides supplemental grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial, governments, and certain types of private non-profits so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

Individual Assistance May Include:



Restoration of damaged buildings & equipment such as public schools, hospitals, & facilities providing community services



Restoration of damaged roads & bridges



Debris removal from obstructed public roadways & infrastructure

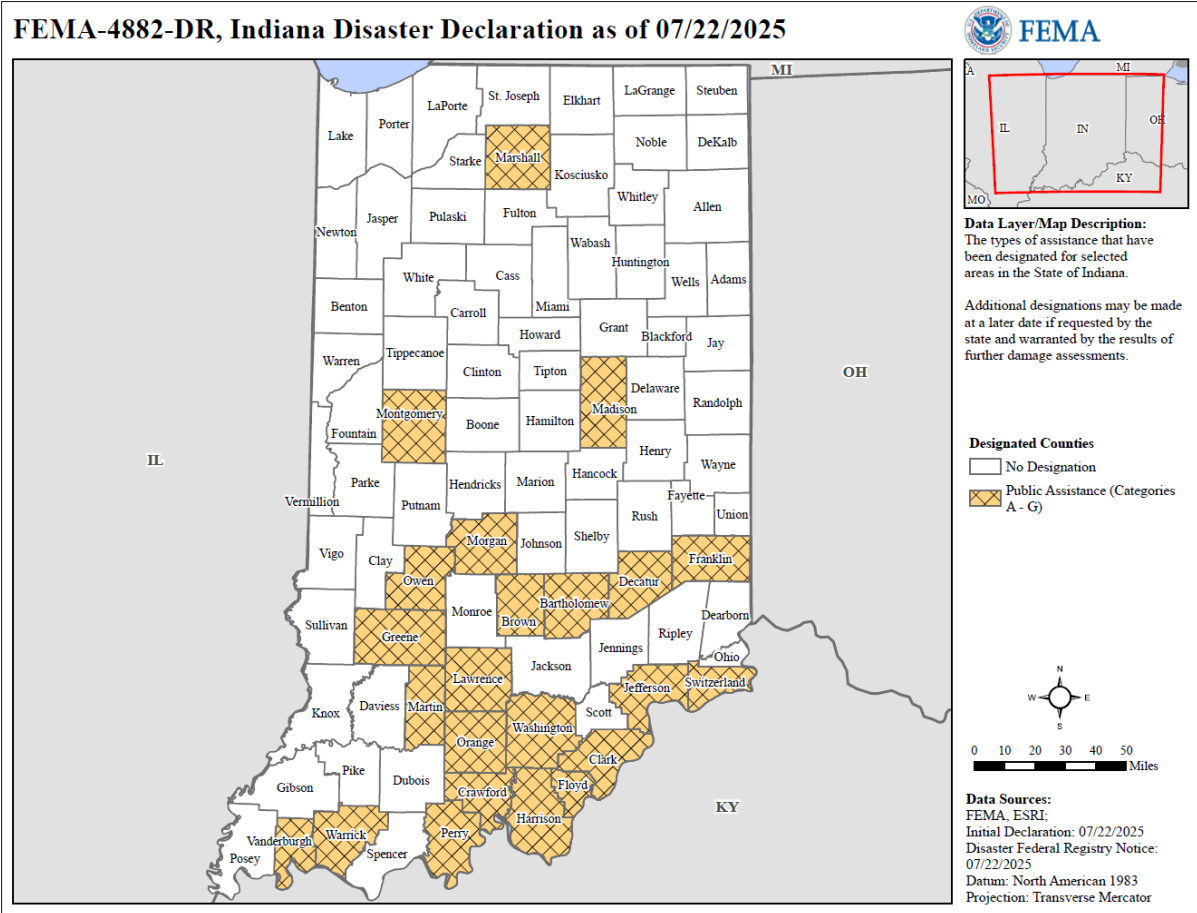


Repair of damaged or impacted public utilities & water systems



DESIGNATED COUNTIES

Below is a map and list of all 24* designated counties for public assistance for the Indiana Disaster Declaration.



- Bartholomew
- Brown
- Clark
- Crawford
- Decatur
- Floyd
- Franklin
- Greene
- Harrison
- Jefferson
- Lawrence
- Madison
- Marshall
- Martin
- Montgomery
- Morgan
- Orange
- Owen
- Perry
- Switzerland
- Vanderburgh
- Warren* (newly added 8/11/2025)
- Warrick
- Washington

NEXT STEPS FOR DESIGNATED COUNTIES

IDHS and FEMA began meeting with applicants in designated counties on Aug. 5. If you are an eligible applicant for public assistance in a designated county, please work with your county emergency management agency (EMA) to get a meeting scheduled with IDHS and FEMA.

IDHS is working swiftly to provide effective and efficient assistance to Hoosier communities that were affected by these devastating storms.

Documents Needed When Applying For Public Assistance

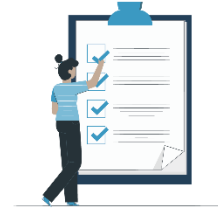
Private nonprofits should be prepared to provide the following when applying for FEMA Public Assistance:



IRS letter stating tax-exempt status under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) OR evidence that the organization is a non-revenue producing Nonprofit under state law



Proof of ownership for the damaged facility OR lease or other proof of legal responsibility for the damaged facility



List of services provided in the damaged facility, indicating when and for whom

Learn More

Contact your state or local emergency management agency or visit us online at fema.gov/assistance/public

APPEAL PROCESS FOR COUNTIES NOT DESIGNATED

Indiana has 30 days from the date of declaration to submit additional counties for public assistance. If your county is not one of the 24 listed for this **federal disaster declaration for public assistance**, IDHS is working with county EMAs to file additional counties who meet the eligibility requirements. Please work with your county EMA to provide required documentation.

STATE DISASTER DECLARATION

On April 15, 2025, Governor Mike Braun [declared a state disaster](#) for the following 35 counties across the state of Indiana.

- Bartholomew
- Brown
- Clark
- Clay
- Crawford
- Dearborn

- Delaware
- Elkhart
- Floyd
- Gibson
- Greene
- Hamilton
- Hancock
- Harrison
- Hendricks
- Jefferson
- Jennings
- Lagrange
- Lake
- LaPorte
- Madison
- Marshall
- Martin
- Morgan
- Owen
- Perry
- Posey
- Shelby
- Spencer
- Steuben
- Switzerland
- Vigo
- Warrick
- Washington

STATE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

On May 1, 2025, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security opened the state disaster relief fund for eligible individuals in impacted counties for March 30 through April 9, 2025, severe weather events. This state individual assistance was capped at \$2,000.

The SDRF application for this event was closed on July 30, 2025. IDHS has been delivering state disaster relief funds to approved applicants.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[SBA Disaster Declarations](#) - Businesses and residents of several Indiana counties are eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

[FEMA Website](#) – Learn more information about Indiana’s federal disaster declaration and other federal resources.

[IDHS Website](#) – Find all information about disaster declarations and additional resources here.

[Find Your County EMA](#)

[Contact Your IDHS Local Government Support Liaison](#)