

HALL, HOWARD & MERRICK COUNTY DISASTER RECOVERY

FEMA ASSISTANCE

What do you need to do now? **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER WITH FEMA, BUT THE JUNE 19TH DEADLINE IS NEARING TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Agency (SBA) are stepping up and assisting flood affected residents. It is very important for everyone impacted by the flood to apply for FEMA assistance.

Please contact:

FEMA Disaster Assistance HELPLINE at: (800)-621-3362 or www.DisasterAssistance.gov AND
SBA Disaster Assistance at: (800) 659-2955 or <https://www.sba.gov/disaster>

This assistance offered is to help you recover from the flood. We encourage you to apply!

- If you have applied and were denied, please reach out!! Beginning a new application is not necessary when you receive a denial letter. Please just read the letter carefully and then contact FEMA on their HELPLINE (same number as for registration) (800)-621-3362. If the FEMA denial cannot be overcome, you have the right to appeal the decision. Assistance in how to go about filing an appeal is available by calling the HELPLINE.
- If you have received an award from FEMA and exceeded that award amount with additional expenses, please file an appeal. Assistance on how to file an appeal is available by calling the HELPLINE.
- Keep your contact information updated with FEMA.
- **ASK QUESTIONS.** The process may seem complicated, but all questions are worth asking.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Heartland United Way and the **Grand Island Community Foundation** received donations to help local communities with flood relief efforts. FEMA has advised to let their grant process conclude before granting assistance for individuals. If our organizations award individual grants before the FEMA disaster relief protocol is finished, it could hinder your FEMA grant award.

It is important to know, there is a coordinated Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) organized to help individuals and communities recover from the floods. The LTRG includes nonprofit organizations, local churches, emergency management personnel, key community members, and volunteers. This Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) will make the best use of volunteers, resources and donations. The LTRG will be hiring a Disaster Recovery Outreach Coordinator and two trained case managers to work individually with you to assist with your recovery efforts.

The LTRG is here to **partner** with you, **educate** you, and **advocate** for you. Please know that local disaster fund dollars are designated to assist with individual needs and WILL be distributed within communities AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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