

Florida Hurricane Recovery

Aug. 11, 2025

Key Messages

- As of Aug. 11, more than 600 FEMA staff are on the ground in Florida to help survivors recover from Hurricanes Milton, Helene and Debby.
- FEMA continues to process applications, receive and manage appeals, conduct inspections and assist applicants and local officials with questions and information about recovery programs.
- FEMA may call Floridians who applied for disaster assistance from unknown phone numbers. It is important to answer these calls. Survivors should return any missed phone calls.
- Survivors who applied for FEMA assistance should continue to stay in touch with the agency to update their application. Missing or outdated information could result in delays. Homeowners and renters can update their contact information online at DisasterAssistance.gov, by using the [FEMA App](#) or by phone at **800-621-3362**. Lines are open every day and help is available in most languages.



Appeals

- Survivors who applied for FEMA assistance will receive a decision letter in the mail or via email. If survivors disagree with the decision about their eligibility, they can appeal within 60 days from the date on that letter. If survivors have questions about their letter or how to appeal, they can call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

Fraud

- FEMA encourages survivors to be aware of fraud and scams and report any suspicious activity to local authorities. For more information, visit: [Be Alert to Fraud After Florida Hurricanes | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/be-alert-to-fraud-after-florida-hurricanes).

Individual Assistance

- As of Aug. 11, FEMA has approved a total of more than **\$1.7 billion** to help Floridians with losses from Milton, Helene and Debby, including:
 - **\$831.1 million** approved for Hurricane Milton
 - **\$815.9 million** approved for Hurricane Helene



FEMA

- **\$60.7 million** approved for Hurricane Debby
- FEMA may provide financial assistance to help displaced survivors rent temporary housing.
- FEMA Rental Assistance is intended to cover the monthly rent amount, which may include a security deposit, at a place other than a damaged home. The rental can be near the survivor's job, home, school and place of worship. The assistance may include essential utilities such as gas, oil, trash, sewer, electricity, and water, but not cable or Internet.

Public Assistance

- FEMA has obligated over \$1 billion in Public Assistance funds to aid Florida's recovery from Hurricane Milton.
 - In just over two months from the date Hurricane Milton was presidentially declared, Public Assistance was able to obligate more than \$1 billion to the state of Florida - something that has never been done before in Florida.
 - This rapid response highlights the partnership with the State of Florida to aid local governments' efforts to help communities recover.
 - Milton: Category A (Debris) total obligated: \$394,794,372
 - Milton: Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) total obligated: \$676,515,457
 - Helene: Category A (Debris) total obligated: \$183,593,986
 - Helene: Category B (Emergency Protective Measures) total obligated: \$360,869,289

National Flood Insurance Program

- As of Aug. 11, NFIP has paid \$7.3 billion in claims to 65,061 claimants from Milton, Helene and Debby. NFIP Information is available online at <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>.

U.S. Small Business Administration

DR-4806	DR-4828	DR-4834
Applications: 1,958	Applications: 22,393	Applications: 46,371
Dollars Approved: \$41,448,571	Dollars Approved: \$891,940,081	Dollars Approved: \$785,179,909

Additional Resources

- **Florida 211:** Whether it's a natural or human-caused disaster, a mental health issue, searching for job training or a food pantry, Florida 211 connects people to help, with a caring human on the other end of the phone. It's a go-to, 24/7 free resource that can connect you with a wide range of social services and resources, including food, housing, utilities payment assistance, health care, transportation, childcare, employment opportunities, mental health crises, disaster information and assistance, and more.
- **FDEM Statewide Debris Dashboard:** [Debris Survey Results \(Milton\)](#).
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture/Farm Services Agency:** [emergency disaster designation declaration process-factsheet.pdf](#).
- **FEMA & Citizenship:** You or a member of your household [must be U.S. citizen, non-U.S. citizen national or qualified non-citizen](#) to qualify for FEMA assistance.
- **FEMA Rumor Response:** Know what's true and what isn't. [Hurricane Rumor Response | FEMA.gov](#).
- [Small Business Hurricane Recovery Grant Program FAQs | U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation](#).
- [Mental health resources for Floridians](#).
- **Florida Division of Emergency Management Updates:** [floridadisaster.org/disaster-updates/storm-updates/](#).
- **Disaster Legal Hotline:** 833-514-2940.