

# DR-4618-PA | Weekly Recovery Update | 11.15.2021

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On September 10, 2021, President Biden approved a [Major Disaster Declaration for Pennsylvania](#). [FEMA announced](#) that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

**Disaster Website:** <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4618>

**FEMA approved a 30-day extension** to the registration deadline. **Dec. 10** is the new deadline.

**More than half of the** Housing Assistance award payments have been provided to applicants from Philadelphia County

**More than 80% of all registrations** were taken either on-line or via a mobile device

**Initial Rental Assistance (2 months) was provided to over 5,000 households** for over \$14 million. Many households might be requesting additional rental assistance, known as Continued Temporary Housing Assistance (CTHA). Pre-disaster owners are automatically sent an application; renters can call the helpline to request or download the forms from their on-line FEMA account.

Not all households will be eligible for additional assistance. Basic eligibility criteria for CTHA includes:

- The applicant's household income was reduced as a result of a declared disaster and their eligible post-disaster housing costs exceed 30 percent of the household's gross income; OR
- The applicant's household income remained the same, their housing costs increased as a result of the disaster, and their eligible post-disaster housing costs exceed 30 percent of the household's gross income; OR
- The applicant's household income increased, their housing costs increased as a result of the disaster, and their eligible post-disaster housing costs exceed 30 percent of the household's gross income; AND
- Verification that the applicant DOES NOT own an available secondary residence.

Eight (8) counties approved for Individual Assistance: Bedford, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and York.

**Request to extend the Deadlines to submit Requests for Public Assistance approved:** Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties **extended to December 7, 2021**; Bedford, Fulton, Huntington, Luzerne, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York Counties **extended to December 13, 2021**; Dauphin and Delaware Counties **extended to December 19, 2021**.

**As of 11/15/21, 154 RPAs** have been submitted for review. **16 have been approved**

Twelve (12) counties approved for Public Assistance: Bedford, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Fulton, Luzerne, Montgomery, Huntington, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, and York.

**The Commonwealth received approval** for the extension request for use of Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering for the areas of the Commonwealth impacted by the remnants of Tropical Storm Ida through November 28, 2021.

## Registering for Assistance

- Apply for disaster assistance at DisasterAssistance.gov, by using the FEMA mobile app, or by calling 800-621-FEMA (**1-800-621-3362**.)
- Help is available in most languages.
- Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a **TTY** may call **800-462-7585**. If you use **711** or VRS (Video Relay Service) or require accommodations while visiting a center, call **800-621-3362**.
- The toll-free numbers are open from **7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Survivors will still be able to access auto -status via 800-621-FEMA and of course the mobile app and web 24/7

## Individual Assistance Program

- A total of **\$ 53,106,801.76** in disaster grants has been approved for losses not covered by insurance.
  - Housing Assistance - \$ 39,702,297.95
  - Other Needs Assistance - \$ 13,404,503.81
- A total of **52,125** applications for assistance have been received from the designated counties
- **2,765 Applications received** by the SBA, with **714 loans approved** for over **\$ 32 million** total.

## Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC)

FEMA has opened Disaster Recovery Centers where applicants can meet face-to-face with FEMA staff and representatives of other federal and commonwealth agencies. If you have not already applied for help, you can do so at any one of the open DRCs:

- Manchester Township Municipal Building, 3200 Farmtrail Rd, York
  - **Tentatively scheduled to close permanently on Saturday, Nov. 20.**
- Bedford Fire Department, 248 W Penn St, Bedford
  - **Tentatively scheduled to close permanently on Saturday, Nov. 20.**

Hours of operation for the fixed DRCs are:  
Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

- **Schedule of Mobile DRC:**

- Black Rock Fire Co**

- 260 Greentree Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460

- Hours of operations:**

- Wednesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov. 18: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## National Flood Insurance Program

- As of 11/11/2021, a total of **1,804** flood insurance claims have been filed to-date and Pennsylvania policyholders have received a total of **\$ 43,533,889** to help them build back.

## Hazard Mitigation Grants Program

- The FEMA HMGP program is a statewide competitive grant program that provides funding to eligible local municipalities, counties, state agencies and non-profit organizations to assist via activities that reduce, or mitigate, future disaster losses in their communities. This grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster

## Contact information

- News Desk at (215) 931-5597

For information about FEMA's support to Pennsylvania's recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4618](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4618)

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*FEMA's disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communications with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs.*

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