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NON-CITIZENS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AID

ATLANTA - People who are not U.S. citizens but who are in the United States legally may be eligible for state/federal disaster aid according to officials from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Qualified non-citizens are those who have a legal permanent resident card (“green card”) and those with legal resident status because of asylum, refugee status, and parole status, suspension of deportation status or status as victims of domestic violence.

In addition, a non-citizen whose dependent is a citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien may apply for assistance on behalf of the child.

Applicants should register by calling **800-621-3362 (FEMA)** or **TTY 800-462-7585** and apply. Help in all languages is available. The toll-free telephone numbers are available seven days a week 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice. Application for disaster assistance also can be made by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Once individuals are registered, FEMA disaster recovery specialists can answer questions about their application or review information FEMA needs to process the application. Recovery specialists can supply contacts for other programs that may be able to help.

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes. These loans are to repair or replace real estate and/or personal property damaged by the March 26-April 13 storms and flooding.

Representatives will help complete and accept SBA disaster loan applications. Anyone not able to go to a DRC may obtain help by calling the SBA Customer Service Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at 800-659-2955. Information and assistance also are available by visiting the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance or sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Those with disaster-related damage can also apply for low-interest loans at SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

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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.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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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