



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Who: Kay Phillips, Disaster Recovery Branch Chief, Ohio Emergency Management Agency**

**What: Explaining the State Individual Assistance Program**

**Where: Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Center  
Pike County Government Center  
230 Waverly Plaza  
Waverly, OH 45690**

**When: Thursday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

For the residents of Pike and five contiguous counties impacted by the severe storms and flooding that occurred on October 4, there's a relatively new program to help them recover. The State Individual Assistance Program is designed to provide grants for disaster-related unmet needs to individuals and families that have uninsured essential private property damages or losses.

This will be the sixth time the State IA Program has been provided. The program was first used in July 2001 when severe storms and flooding occurred in southwestern Ohio. The program does not duplicate disaster assistance from any other available sources, instead filling a gap for those who have serious and essential unmet needs or losses not addressed by SBA, insurance, voluntary agencies or other state agencies. In order for State IA to be available, the disaster must be declared by local governments, the Governor and the Small Business Administration, and would not be declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

State IA officials are located within the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center to fill out applications and answer questions from disaster victims.

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