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\$4.3 MILLION APPROVED FOR DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

COLUMBUS, OH – A total of \$4,299,257.21 in Individual and Households Program (IHIP) grants has been approved for disaster assistance in Ohio since the presidential declaration of February 15, according to figures released today by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA). The presidential declaration covers the period of Dec. 22, 2004 through Feb. 1, 2005.

The following is an update of recovery activities as of close of business Sunday, March 20:

- 5,055 individuals from the 32 declared counties have applied for assistance
- 2,537 claims have been approved for the Individuals and Household Program totaling \$4,299,257.21 in grants. [See county breakdown on page 4.]
- 702 people have visited one of the 12 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) that were temporarily opened in various locations to help meet the needs of disaster victims.
- 2,775 home loan and 346 business loan applications have been issued by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

U.S. Small Business Administration

The SBA has issued 2,775 low-interest loan applications to homeowners, renters and business owners throughout Ohio. Officials urge affected residents to complete and return their loan paperwork as soon as possible, even if they have not received a final settlement from their insurance company. If the loan application is not returned, eligibility for other forms of disaster assistance may be affected. SBA representatives will be available at the Disaster Outreach Centers listed below to assist with completion of disaster loan applications.

The following centers will be closing Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 1pm:

In Hockingport – Athens County

United Methodist Church Community Center, 28821 Pavilion Street

In Bellefontaine – Logan County

Ohio Highpoint Career Center, House #4, 2280 State Route 540

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In Marietta – Washington County

Washington County Courthouse (Old Jail), 205 Putnam Street

In Bucyrus – Crawford County

Crawford County Courthouse Conference Room, 112 East Mansfield Street

In Zanesville – Muskingum County

Muskingum County EMA/EOC, 2215 Adamsville Road

In Yellowbud – Ross County

Yellowbud United Methodist Church Annex, 599 Yellowbud Road

For more information about SBA's disaster loan program, visit an SBA outreach centers or call the Disaster Area Office at **1-800-659-2955** or **TTY 1-800-877-8339** for the speech or hearing-impaired. The filing deadline for physical damage applications is April 18, 2005.

Registration and Helpline Numbers Continue to Operate; Online Registration Available

Individuals, families, and business owners who suffered losses in the declared counties should apply for assistance by calling FEMA'S toll-free number, **1-800-621-FEMA (3362.)** The special number for those with hearing or speech impairment is **TTY 1 800 462-7585**. These numbers are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until further notice. Individuals may check on the status of their application, update their current information, or request general assistance information by calling those same numbers.

People can also register for assistance online at **www.fema.gov**

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program provides weekly benefits to those individuals out of work due to the disaster, including self-employed agricultural and hourly workers, self-employed business people, business owners unable to provide services and other unemployed workers who are out of work as a direct result of the disaster and who do not otherwise qualify for unemployment benefits. For additional information call 1-877-644-6562 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency coordinates the state's response and recovery from the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center. One of the primary focuses of the agency is to ensure that Ohio citizens are prepared to respond to and recover from an emergency or disaster and to lead mitigation efforts against the effects of future disasters. During times of disasters, Ohio EMA coordinates activities of responding state agencies and maintains liaison with similar agencies of other states and of the federal government.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM (IHP)
DOLLARS APPROVED BY COUNTY
(Close of Business, Sunday, March 20)

COUNTY	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	TOTAL IHP \$ APPROVED
ASHLAND	7	\$562.60
ATHENS	133	\$244,087.73
AUGLAIZE	42	\$2,962.42
BELMONT	165	\$198,651.85
CLARK	57	\$28,303.02
COSHOCTON	100	\$131,424.47
CRAWFORD	377	\$220,449.45
DARKE	261	\$141,828.19
DELAWARE	23	\$22,195.46
FAIRFIELD	104	\$70,221.57
FRANKLIN	1,240	\$992,087.49
GUERNSEY	45	\$35,787.58
HENRY	13	\$26,798.90
HOCKING	24	\$41,152.48
HOLMES	27	\$40,793.74
HURON	8	N/A
JEFFERSON	70	\$64,125.98
LICKING	194	\$95,406.46
LOGAN	739	\$379,098.32
MIAMI	5	\$772.47
MORGAN	126	\$324,326.69
MUSKINGUM	174	\$360,768.91
PICKAWAY	71	\$38,452.74
PIKE	91	\$121,034.34
RICHLAND	473	\$166,422.48
ROSS	124	\$121,099.94
SCIOTO	139	\$198,405.70
STARK	29	\$36,701.04
TUSCARAWAS	53	\$55,677.78
WARREN	49	\$44,248.05
WASHINGTON	89	\$95,200.26
WYANDOT *	3	N/A

* Note – Dollar amounts are not listed for counties with 3 registrations or less.

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