



Disaster News

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DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE OVER \$5.3 MILLION

COLUMBUS, OH – A total of \$5,373,456.28 in Individual and Households Program (IHP) 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 December 22, 2004 through February 1, 2005. The deadline for applications for disaster assistance is April 18, 2005.

The following is an update of recovery activities as of close of business Sunday, March 27:

- 6,466 individuals from the 32 declared counties have applied for assistance
- 3,361 claims have been approved for the Individuals and Household Program totaling \$5,373,456.28 in grants. [See county breakdown on page 3.]
- 823 people have visited one of the 12 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)/SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (DOCs) that are or have been temporarily opened in various locations to help meet the needs of disaster victims.
- 3,494 home loan and business loan applications have been issued by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

U.S. Small Business Administration

The SBA has issued 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 Recovery Centers listed below to assist with completion of disaster loan applications.

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The following Disaster Recovery Centers opened Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 1 p.m.

In Bellefontaine – Logan County

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

In Bucyrus – Crawford County

Crawford County Courthouse Conference Room, 112 East Mansfield Street

For more information about SBA's disaster loan program, visit a Disaster Recovery Center 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 27)**

COUNTY	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	TOTAL IHP \$ APPROVED
ASHLAND	26	\$12,004.27
ATHENS	139	\$268,589.17
AUGLAIZE	125	\$77,430.45
BELMONT	172	\$213,143.76
CLARK	63	\$30,967.81
COSHOCTON	103	\$155,169.94
CRAWFORD	458	\$273,384.56
DARKE	377	\$211,567.25
DELAWARE	24	\$22,195.46
FAIRFIELD	131	\$83,911.70
FRANKLIN	1,386	\$1,205,758.04
GUERNSEY	52	\$45,934.07
HENRY	14	\$26,798.90
HOCKING	27	\$42,430.51
HOLMES	58	\$57,648.51
HURON	57	\$52,564.03
JEFFERSON	81	\$91,015.97
LICKING	256	\$123,705.31
LOGAN	908	\$490,808.02
MIAMI	10	\$13,782.92
MORGAN	128	\$363,833.23
MUSKINGUM	186	\$386,504.97
PICKAWAY	73	\$40,455.14
PIKE	102	\$143,527.18
RICHLAND	943	\$306,171.55
ROSS	138	\$131,272.06
SCIOTO	145	\$210,721.59
STARK	35	\$40,158.14
TUSCARAWAS	77	\$80,971.05
WARREN	56	\$46,665.98
WASHINGTON	93	\$117,731.67
WYANDOT	23	\$6,633.07

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