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News Release

Rhode Island Recovery Well Under Way One Month After Declaration

CRANSTON, RI. – One month after the president issued a federal disaster declaration for the state of Rhode Island for the severe storms and flooding that took place December 17-21, 2023 and January 9-13, 2024, more than **\$5.8 million** has been approved to help **1,305** applicants help in Kent, Providence and Washington counties. Disaster recovery specialists have been in the field, visiting communities to make sure affected residents receive all assistance for which they may be eligible.

As of April 19, **423** applicants were approved for a total amount of **\$1,756,322** in FEMA assistance for the storms that took place **December 17-19, 2023**. Of that total:

- **\$1,703,898** in FEMA housing grants to help pay for home repair, home replacement and rental assistance for temporary housing.
- **\$52,423** in Other Needs Assistance grants to help pay for replacement of personal property and other serious storm-related needs such as moving and storage fees, transportation, childcare, and medical and dental expenses.

As of April 19, **882** applicants were approved for a total amount of **\$4,094,430** in FEMA assistance for the storms that took place **January 9-13, 2024**. Of that total:

- **\$3,956,501** in FEMA housing grants to help pay for home repair, home replacement and rental assistance for temporary housing.
- **\$137,929** in Other Needs Assistance grants to help pay for replacement of personal property and other serious storm-related needs such as moving and storage fees, transportation, childcare, and medical and dental expenses.

FEMA **Disaster Survivor Assistance** (DSA) have been visiting to storm-affected neighborhoods in every designated county to help residents apply, identify and address immediate and emerging needs, and make referrals to other local, state and voluntary agencies for additional support. In total,

DSA personnel had **2,603 interactions** with residents and visited more than **22,000 households** and **544 businesses** to help survivors apply for assistance.

In addition, five recovery centers were opened in the affected counties to provide information for residents who prefer face-to-face assistance in applying to FEMA, updating applications or for follow-up questions. Representatives from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and state agencies are available at these centers.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities and access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology equipment. If you need a reasonable accommodation or sign language interpreter, please let someone at the center know.

Currently, the following recovery centers are operating:

- **Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1675 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI 02816**
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am– 6:30 pm, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **William Windsor Elementary School, 562 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02808**
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am– 6:30 pm, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Operating through: **April 24**
- **Cumberland Public Library (tents outside), 1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland, RI 02864**
Hours: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Inclement weather could change the hours.
Operating through May 4.
- **Knightsville Manor (Community Room), 85 Briggs Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920**
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Operating from April 22 – May 4.

Three ways to apply for FEMA assistance include:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov;
- Download the [FEMA App](#); or,
- Call **1-800-621-3362**. Help is available in most languages. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or another relay service, give FEMA your number for that service when you call. Phone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is **May 20, 2024**.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

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