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News Release

State, FEMA Continue Work on Mississippi Zeta Recovery

Federal funding totals \$42.3 million

BILOXI, Miss. – The deadline for individuals and households to apply for FEMA disaster assistance has passed, but work on Mississippi's recovery from Hurricane Zeta continues. More than 3,900 individuals and households have received disaster assistance from FEMA.

Survivors in George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties who applied with FEMA can check the status of their applications, ask questions and get information in several ways:

- Visit <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>
- Use the FEMA App for smartphones
- Call **800-621-3362** (**800-462-7585 TTY**). Multilingual operators are available every day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time. Those who use a relay service such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel should provide FEMA with their specific phone number assigned to that service.

Survivors who were unable to apply before the deadline and who can provide justification for late registration may contact FEMA and request consideration for disaster assistance.

As of March, \$42.3 million in federal grants, loans and flood insurance payments have been approved for homeowners, renters and businesses in the five counties. This includes:

- \$13.9 million in FEMA grants for 3,941 individuals and households.
- \$17.9 million in disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration for 648 businesses, homeowners and renters.
- 821 National Flood Insurance Program claims filed; \$10.5 million paid to policyholders.

FEMA continues to coordinate with the State of Mississippi on reimbursement for emergency services, debris removal and repair or replacement of damaged public infrastructure, and for funding to mitigate against losses from future storms.

For more information about Hurricane Zeta recovery in Mississippi, visit the FEMA disaster webpage at <u>https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4576</u> or the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency webpage at <u>https://www.msema.org/zeta/</u>.

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