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## **President Approves Disaster Declaration, Individual Assistance for Flood Victims**

President Donald Trump approved the State of Michigan's request for a major disaster declaration after the June flooding event. This declaration releases federal funds for state and local governments to use in disaster recovery efforts and to help reduce the risk of such an event in the future. In addition, the disaster declaration makes individual assistance available to the countless families still recovering from recent flooding.

"We are incredibly excited to hear this news," says Bay County Executive Jim Barcia. "The losses sustained by the residents in Bay County have been severe due to the magnitude of the flash flooding. This presidential declaration is an important step in our continuing efforts to provide assistance and help Bay County families and businesses recover from the effects of this disaster."

In addition to the presidential declaration for public assistance and hazard mitigation assistance, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has made low-interest disaster loans available to residents and businesses in Bay County. Additional information about the SBA disaster assistance program is available at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

Bay County residents impacted by the flood can register for individual assistance from FEMA by applying online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by phone at (800) 621-3362. Residents with a disability requiring accommodation or assistance should call (800) 462-7585.

For more information on local flood recovery efforts and programs, please visit <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/ESHS/June-Flooding-Throughout-Bay-County.aspx>.