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Assistance Available for Residents Impacted by Mid-Michigan Flooding

LANSING, MICH. Low-income residents who were affected by last week's flood in mid-Michigan may be eligible for emergency relief assistance through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

State Emergency Relief assistance is available for eligible residents that need help with home repairs that are necessary to correct unsafe conditions and restore essential services. Applicants must be the owner or purchaser of the home and must meet other eligibility requirements to qualify. To apply, visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges or contact the local MDHHS office.

"It's important that Michigan residents have immediate help available to protect their health and safety during emergencies," said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon. "Our staff is prepared to assist residents of the counties affected by the flooding as they recover from the significant damage that occurred."

The lifetime maximum amount of funds available for non-energy related home repairs is \$1,500 per household. State Emergency Relief assistance is available for repairs not covered by homeowner's insurance for the basic house structure, hot water heater, septic/waste disposal system, doors/windows, extermination services, electrical, plumbing, roofs and wells.

Other Assistance Resources

The Michigan Community Service Commission is helping support volunteer efforts in the aftermath of the flooding. Residents can call 211 to request assistance for home cleanup from flood-related damage. Callers will be referred to volunteer organizations that may be able to assist with relief activities.

Midland County Emergency Management has established a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) to serve as a one stop shop for residents that have been impacted by flooding. Representatives from the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Michigan Departments of Health and Human Services and Insurance and Financial Services, Hidden Harvest and 211 will be available.

Midland MARC Location and Hours

Midland County ESA
3917 Jefferson Avenue
Midland MI 48640

June 28-30: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
July 1: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
July 5-7: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
July 8: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers with questions about possible relief programs can contact their county United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency office. A list of county offices can be found at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Michigan/index>.

About the Disaster

Lt. Gov. Calley declared a "state of disaster" for Isabella and Midland counties on June 23. On June 28, Gov. Rick Snyder instructed the Michigan State Police (MSP) to amend a recent "state of disaster" declaration to include two additional counties in mid-Michigan after severe weather and intense rain struck the counties resulting in widespread flooding damage. Along with Isabella and Midland counties, the amended disaster declaration now includes Bay and Gratiot counties. By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan will make available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area as outlined in the Michigan Emergency Management Plan. Calley's declaration authorizes the MSP/EMHSD to coordinate state efforts.

The public is encouraged to monitor local media for up-to-date weather reports and emergency information. For updated information and additional safety tips, follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS or visit www.michigan.gov/miready.

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The SEOC is the emergency operations center for the state of Michigan. Located in Lansing, the SEOC is overseen by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and coordinates response and recovery efforts by state agencies and local government. The SEOC is staffed by members of state agencies for decision making and information coordination during disasters or emergencies in the state of Michigan.

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