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News Release

April Storm Recovery Update: Stay in Touch With FEMA

HONOLULU – Homeowners and renters in the City and County of Honolulu and Kaua'i County that registered for disaster assistance with FEMA following the April storms and flooding are encouraged to stay in touch.

The deadline to apply for assistance has passed, but applicants can still track their application and should notify FEMA of changes to their information such as a mailing address, phone number, email address, insurance settlement information or other documentation.

Homeowners and renters can update their information in the following ways:

- By going online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)
- By calling **800-621-3362**; TTY **800-462-7585**. Applicants who use **711** or Video Relay Service may call **800-621-3362**
- By downloading the FEMA mobile app

To date, more than **\$7 million** in disaster assistance has been approved to support recovery. Of this amount, more **\$1.2 million** has been approved for housing assistance that can assist with home repairs or replacement, rental assistance to be used to find another place to live temporarily while repairs are being made to their home and more than **\$260,000** for other needs assistance. Other needs assistance is a grant to pay for other uninsured or underinsured expenses such as disaster-related medical, dental or funeral costs or personal property losses. The State of Hawaii bears 25 percent of those costs.

Additionally, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than **\$5.6 million** in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and private nonprofits. The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes still have until March 27, 2019 to apply for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs

caused by the disaster. Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>, or call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 for more information.

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FEMA's mission is helping people before, during and after disasters.

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339 (TTY).