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FEMA Assistance Available to Washington Renters

LACEY, WA. – Renters in Clallam, Skagit and Whatcom counties and members of the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Quileute Tribe whose homes and property were damaged by the November floods can apply for federal disaster assistance.

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to renters, including students, as well as homeowners. Federal grants can help pay for temporary housing. The initial rental grant is for a 2-month period and can be reviewed for further assistance. The application deadline is March 7, 2022.

Renters may also qualify for a grant under FEMA's Other Needs Assistance program for uninsured essential personal property losses and other disaster-related expenses. These may include:

- Replacement or repair of necessary personal property, such as furniture, appliances, clothing, textbooks or school supplies
- Replacement or repair of tools and other job-related equipment required by the employer
- Primary vehicles in compliance with state registration and insurance requirements that have disaster-caused repair or replacement expenses
- Uninsured or out-of-pocket medical, dental, childcare, moving or storage expenses

Survivors in the designated counties can apply online at disasterassistance.gov, call 800-621-3362 or use the [FEMA mobile app](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses and nonprofit organizations from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ or call the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 TTY) or send an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Renters may be eligible for a disaster loan up to \$40,000, depending on their losses. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is March 7, 2022.

For an accessible video on how renters may be able to get federal help after a disaster: youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=yAHSPK_K7tg&feature=youtu.be.

For more information about Washington flood recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4635. Follow the FEMA Region 10 Twitter account at twitter.com/femaregion10.

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