Resources and Assistance for Communities Impacted by Hurricane Milton:

- State Assistance Information and Resources Line: The state of Florida has activated the State Assistance Information Line. Residents needing information and resources can call 1-800-342-3557. There are English, Spanish & Creole speakers available to answer questions.
- Florida Emergency Shelters: A list of emergency shelters, including those that can accommodate people who need assistance and those who have pets can be found at Shelter Status | Florida Disaster.
- **Live Updates:** For live updates, follow FLSERT on <u>X</u> and <u>Instagram</u> and <u>FDEM on</u> Facebook.
- **Information Hub Resources:** Additional resources and state updates on Hurricane Milton can be found by visiting:
 - Please find FEMA's Website on Hurricane Milton <u>Here</u>, available in Spanish Here.
 - o Read the Fact Sheet on Pre-Landfall Preparations for Hurricane Milton Here.
 - Read FEMA's Tweet with Updates on Emergency Alerts <u>Here</u>.
 - Read FEMA's Tweet on Evacuation Orders, Open Shelters, and More Resources for Florida Residents <u>Here</u>.

Resources and Assistance for Communities Impacted by Hurricane Helene:

- **Hurricane Helene FEMA Resources**: FEMA has a list of State, Tribal and Local official websites and resources on FEMA.gov/Helene.
- **Supporting the Response:** If you are an organization wanting to support, please contact the FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons at <u>FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov</u>.
- FEMA's Website on Hurricane Helene: Here.
- **Updated Fact Sheet:** Sparing No Resource to Support Communities Impacted by Hurricane Helene Here.

General Resources for Impacted Communities:

- Applying for Disaster Assistance: People in designated counties can apply for FEMA assistance in three ways: online by visiting <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, calling 1-800-621-3362 or in the FEMA App.
- **Reunification**: People who need help reconnecting with loved ones missing after the hurricane can call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- Small Business Support: SBA offers low-interest loans to help in disaster recovery.
 These loans can be used for losses not covered by insurance or FEMA for both personal
 and business needs, or business operating expenses that could have been met if the
 disaster had not occurred. SBA disaster loans are available to businesses of all sizes,
 homeowners, renters, and private non-profit organizations in declared disaster areas. To
 find out if you're eligible to apply, visit the <u>Disaster Declaration Search Page</u>. Types of
 SBA Disaster Loans include:
 - Physical Damage Loans: For the repair and replacement of physical assets damaged in a declared disaster.
 - <u>Mitigation Assistance</u>: Provides funding to make improvements to reduce future damage.
 - <u>Economic Injury Loans</u>: Helps cover operating expenses for small businesses affected by the disaster.

- Military Reservist Loan: Assists small businesses with operating expenses when employees are on active duty leave.
- Combatting Disinformation: The Administration, including FEMA, has also been tracking and combatting the significant amount of <u>false information circulating online</u> <u>related to the Federal response</u> which can discourage people from seeking critical and life-saving assistance. The Administration is <u>actively working to identify and combat</u> this misinformation and disinformation and support survivors in every possible way, and with this new account, the White House will now uplift federal actions and resources on Reddit.

If you are like so many of us and want to help those impacted by the storm, please visit <u>DisasterAssistance.Gov</u>.

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