

You May Be Able to Get Disaster Assistance

FEMA and the state, territory or tribal government may provide direct and financial disaster assistance to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and qualified aliens.

Disaster assistance may include money for temporary rental assistance, home repairs, personal property loss and other serious disaster-related needs or expenses not covered by insurance or other means.



Citizen – A person born in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Northern Mariana Islands; a person born outside of the U.S. to at least one U.S. parent or a naturalized citizen.

Non-Citizen National – A person born in an outlying possession of the U.S. (i.e. American Samoa or Swain’s Island) on or after the date the U.S. acquired the possession, or a person whose parents are U.S. non-citizen nationals. All U.S. citizens are U.S. nationals, but not every U.S. national is a U.S. citizen.

A qualified alien generally includes:

- Individuals who are Lawful Permanent Residents (“Green Card” holders)
- Asylees, refugees, or aliens whose deportation status is being withheld
- Aliens paroled into the U.S. for at least one year
- Aliens granted conditional entry (per law in effect prior to April 1, 1980)
- Cuban/Haitian entrant
- Certain aliens subjected to extreme cruelty or have been a victim of a severe form of human trafficking, including persons with a “T” or “U” visa

If an applicant does not meet the citizenship or immigration status at the time of application, the household may still apply for certain forms of IHP assistance if:

- Another household member, including a minor child, meets the eligibility criteria during the registration process
- The parent or guardian of a minor child living in the same household may apply for assistance on behalf of the minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien. The minor child must be under age 18 as of the first day of the incident period or disaster declaration day, whichever comes first

