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Five Days Remain for Local Governments, Nonprofits, Houses of Worship in Lee County to apply for Federal Public Assistance

*Failure to meet deadline will eliminate all chances for reimbursement of flood damages,
expenses*

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is reminding local governments, taxing bodies, non-profits and houses of worship in **Lee County** that the deadline to apply for federal public assistance is November 24. Because November 24 is a Sunday, IEMA is encouraging applicants to complete the process by **Friday, November 22**. To apply for assistance, each organization must complete and submit a **FEMA Form 90-49, Request for Public Assistance** form to IEMA.

“This funding opportunity doesn’t come along very often and we want to make sure our communities take full advantage of these federal dollars,” said Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “This is an opportunity to rebuild our communities and make them more resilient; to rebuild smarter and stronger in order to minimize the damage of future floods.”

Lee County was added to the state’s existing Public Assistance program last month, following a direct [appeal](#) from Governor JB Pritzker. The PA program is available in the following counties: Adams, Alexander, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jackson, Jersey, Knox, Lee, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Randolph, Rock Island, Schuyler, Scott, St. Clair, Stephenson, Union and Whiteside.

Under the guidelines of the PA program, local jurisdictions can be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of eligible costs. The program can provide funding for debris removal, implementation of emergency protective measures and permanent restoration of infrastructure. The program also encourages protection from future damage by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

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FEMA has additional guidance available [online](#) that addresses eligibility of private nonprofits and houses of worship. If an organization has questions about eligibility, IEMA encourages potential applicants to [contact](#) their county emergency management office today, so there is ample time to meet the federal deadline. For additional information regarding the flood recovery process, visit www.illinois.gov/2019floods.

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