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News Release

FEMA Disaster Assistance to Individuals Is Not Treated As Income

Midland, Mich. – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance grants do not count as income.

Survivors who receive federal disaster assistance as a result of the June storms and flooding will not pay additional income taxes or see any reduction in their Social Security checks or any other federal benefits.

Grants for essential home repairs, replacement of personal property or other disaster-related needs do not count as income. Donations from charitable organizations will not affect Social Security payments or Medicare benefits.

Disaster recovery grants will not affect any recipient's eligibility for Medicaid, welfare assistance, food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Anyone with questions can visit one of the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) located in Isabella and Midland counties.

Isabella County

4855 E. Bluegrass Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Midland County

1407 W. Carpenter St.
Midland, MI 48640

Due to the large volume of calls to the FEMA Helpline, residents are encouraged to register for FEMA disaster assistance online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by using the FEMA App on their smart phone.

Michigan residents in the four declared counties of Bay, Gladwin, Isabella and Midland are eligible for disaster assistance regardless of disasters occurring in other states.

The deadline to register for disaster assistance in Michigan is Oct. 2, 2017.

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Spanish: <https://www.fema.gov/es/disaster/4326>

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).