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Individual FEMA Assistance Now Available for Linn County Residents

LINN COUNTY, IA – August 21, 2020 – Residents of Linn County can now apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program, which provides disaster-affected homeowners, renters, and businesses with programs and services to maximize recovery, including assistance with housing, personal property replacement, medical expenses, and legal services.

Assistance can come in the form of grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area (Linn County) can begin applying for assistance by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 for TTY users. Users of 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) may call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. CST, seven days a week, until further notice. Applications for assistance can also be submitted by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

Locations for FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are being determined and information regarding these sites will be communicated once finalized. DRCs are accessible facilities and mobile offices set up after a disaster to help with FEMA response and assistance.

Linn County residents are no longer eligible to apply for the State Individual Assistance Program and should apply for the FEMA Individual Assistance Program.