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Hurricane Florence Recovery Bulletin #6 FEMA Disaster Recovery Center to Open in Hyde County

A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will be opening in Hyde County Friday, October 5 at 12:00pm in the O.A Peay School, 1430 Main Street, Swan Quarter, NC 27885. The DRC will be open daily, during daylight hours, moving forward to offer residents assistance. FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams are continuing to canvass areas in the County to offer assistance to residents. FEMA personnel will have identification showing who they are. We will continue to issue updates on any changes about the recovery efforts in Hyde County.

FEMA DRCs offer survivors:

- Information regarding the Individuals and Households Program
 - Clarification of any written correspondence received
 - Answers to questions and resolutions to problems
 - Application status
 - Submission of additional requested documentation to FEMA
- Information regarding the Crisis Counseling Program, Disaster Legal Services, and Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Assistance in completing U.S. Small Business Administration applications
- Access to representatives from state/local services and voluntary agencies with access to local disaster assistance resources

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Program

On September 24, 2018, President Trump issued a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina triggering the release of Federal funds to help individuals and communities recover from Hurricane Florence. Hyde County has received a FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Declaration which allows homeowners, renters, and businesses to apply for vital short-term and long-term recovery assistance.

Assistance can include grants for:

- Temporary housing
- Essential home repairs
- Uninsured and underinsured personal property losses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance

Applicants will be asked for the following information:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Residents can apply in person at the Disaster Recovery Center, online at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>, or by phone at 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans

Hyde County residents may be eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Available disaster loan types include:

- **Business Physical Disaster Loans** – Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.
- **Home Disaster Loans** – Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)

Through the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is able to quickly offer short-term food assistance benefits to families suffering in the wake of a disaster.

Eligible households receive one month of benefits, equivalent to the maximum amount of benefits normally issued to a SNAP household of their size. Benefits are issued via an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card, which can be used to purchase food at most grocery stores.

Through D-SNAP, affected households use a simplified application. D-SNAP benefits are issued to eligible applicants within 72 hours, speeding assistance to disaster victims and reducing the administrative burden on State agencies operating in post-disaster conditions. Households not normally eligible for SNAP may qualify for D-SNAP as a result of their disaster related expenses, such as loss of income, damage to property, relocation expenses, and, in some cases, loss of food due to power outages.

When States operate a D-SNAP, ongoing SNAP clients can also receive disaster food assistance. Households with disaster losses whose SNAP benefits are less than the monthly maximum can request a supplement. The supplement brings their benefits up to the maximum for the household size. This provides equity between D-SNAP households and SNAP households receiving disaster assistance.

FNS approves D-SNAP operations in an affected area under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act when the area has received a Presidential disaster declaration of Individual Assistance (IA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

State agencies request FNS approval to operate a D-SNAP within the disaster area. FNS approves program operations for a limited period of time during which the State agency may accept D-SNAP applications.

The Hyde County Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue registering residents for D-SNAP benefits through Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Registration will be held daily at the Hyde County Department of Social Services, 35015 US Hwy 264; Engelhard, NC 27824.

Hyde County DSS staff will also be available at the Ocracoke Community Center, 999 Irvin Garrish Hwy and O.A. Peay School; 1430 Main St, Swan Quarter, NC 27885 on Saturday, October 6 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Hyde County D-SNAP registration will cease at the close of business on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program

The Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program provides temporary weekly monetary assistance to individuals in specified areas whose employment has been lost or interrupted as a direct result of a presidentially declared major disaster.

Workers who became unemployed as a direct result of the effects of Hurricane Florence impacting North Carolina, may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits under the DUA program. Business owners affected by the storm may also qualify for benefits.

Workers or business owners meeting the following criteria may be eligible for benefits:

- Individuals who are unemployed due to the disaster, and do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits.
- Self-employed individuals and small business owners who lost income due to the disaster.
- Individuals who were prevented from working due to an injury caused by the disaster.
- Individuals who have become the major supplier of household income due to the disaster-related death of the previous major supplier of household income.
- Individuals who are unable to reach their jobs or self-employment locations, because they must travel through the affected area and are prevented from doing so by the disaster.
- Individuals who were to commence employment or self-employment, but were prevented from doing so by the disaster.

DUA is available for weeks of employment beginning with the week starting September 9, 2018, and may last for up to 27 weeks, as long as the claimant's unemployment continues to be as a result of Hurricane Florence.

If you are eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, you must first exhaust those benefits before you are eligible for DUA. To apply for assistance you should call DES toll free at 1-866-795-8877. Be prepared by having the following information:

- Your social security number, your Alien Registration number if you are a non-citizen.
- Any check stubs or other proof of earnings for employment you have had within the last 18 months.
- If self-employed, your most recent Federal Income Tax returns and/or your profit and loss statement.

Individuals who are affected by the disaster and are unable to continue working must file an application for benefits by October 25, 2018.

Crisis Cleanup

Crisis Cleanup implements a "Craigslist" philosophy to recovery efforts. Organizations that are aware of work orders enter them into the system, and organizations with capacity to help can claim and perform the work. The system is not public, but it is open and transparent among participating organizations. No centralized organization is "in charge." This non-threatening approach minimizes duplication and maximizes communication, coordination, and efficiency.

The home cleanup hotline for Hurricane Florence is open from now through October 12, 2018 for residents of North Carolina. Call 828-222-3975 to register for help. Local, reputable, and vetted relief organizations can help with trees, mucking out, removal of drywall, insulation, flooring, furniture and other tasks. All services are free.

While entering a client into Crisis Cleanup does not guarantee that he or she will be served, it guarantees visibility and maximizes the chances for assistance, while helping relief organizations prioritize their limited resources.

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