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## Troup County Granted FEMA Funding to Aid in Tornado Relief Efforts

*Troup County, Ga. January 17, 2023* – As a result of the severe weather and tornadoes in our community on January 12, 2023, Troup County is now eligible for both FEMA Individual Assistance (for individuals and households) and FEMA Public Assistance (for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities). Residents and business owners who sustained losses in designated areas can begin applying for assistance at <a href="https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov">www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a>, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the FEMA app.

This financial aid was made possible by federal approval throughout a Disaster Declaration Process. Over the weekend, local officials worked tirelessly to collect initial damage estimates so that State and Federal Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) could be conducted. Upon completion of these assessments, Governor Brian Kemp submitted the Disaster Declaration Request to President Biden through the FEMA Regional Office, who then determined to send the request through to the president for a final decision.

Thanks to these government leaders on local, state, and national levels, Troup County has been approved for FEMA Assistance Funding. Although this is not a replacement for insurance, it can greatly assist with basic needs to start an individual's or business' recovery. Examples include assistance to make basic home repairs, find a temporary place to stay, and repair or replace certain household items. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to view a pdf with even more examples of what these types of assistance can entail.

The Troup County Emergency Management Agency is currently surveying sites to serve as Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) as approved in conjunction with GEMA and FEMA. We will continue providing more information to the public as it becomes available.

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