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## News Release

### Kentucky Homeowners With Privately-Owned Road and Bridge Damage May Be Eligible for FEMA Assistance

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – If you had a privately-owned road or bridge damaged or destroyed by the **April** severe storms, FEMA or the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may provide financial assistance for replacement or repairs.

#### FEMA Assistance

FEMA may provide funds to repair privately-owned access roads and bridges that were damaged by the storms. To qualify, you must be the **owner**, and the home must serve as your primary residence.

A FEMA inspection is needed to determine if repairs are necessary for a vehicle to access the property. In addition, you must meet the following conditions:

- A FEMA inspection determines repairs are necessary to provide drivable access to the primary residence.
- The applicant is responsible, or shares responsibility with other homeowners, for maintaining the privately-owned access route to their primary residence.
- The privately-owned access route is the only access to the applicant's primary residence, and repair or replacement is necessary for the safety of occupants, allowing access for emergency vehicles or equipment.

When multiple households share a privately-owned access route, assistance is shared among applicants, requiring additional coordination and documentation between FEMA and each applicant. Applicants may be eligible for funds to repair a private road or bridge damaged in the disaster, even if their primary residence did not sustain damage.

#### U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), FEMA's federal partner in disaster recovery, may also be able to help. Homeowners who share private access roads and bridges with other homeowners may be eligible for SBA disaster loans.

## FEMA NR 029 Kentucky Homeowners With Privately-Owned Road and Bridge Damage May Be Eligible for FEMA Assistance

Agricultural property is not eligible, but a private access road to the farmer's residence, the residence itself and personal contents may be eligible under disaster home loan criteria.

Please contact your Kentucky Farm Service Agency ([USDA Service Center Locator](#)).

For more information, call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov).

For more information about Kentucky flooding recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4860](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4860) and [www.fema.gov/disaster/4864](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4864). Follow the FEMA Region 4 X account at [x.com/femaregion4](https://x.com/femaregion4).

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