

# Your FEMA Grant is Solely for Disaster Expenses; Use It Well and Wisely

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Disaster recovery officials remind survivors who may have received FEMA disaster funds that it's important to use the money for the intended purpose. *FEMA will mail a letter explaining exactly how the disaster funds are to be used or not used.*

## How do I know what that purpose is?

Some examples include:

- Home repairs (e.g., structure, water, septic and sewage systems)
- Rental assistance for rent and/or deposit
- Repair or replacement of a flooded essential vehicle
- Medical or dental care for an uninsured injury caused by the disaster
- Repair of occupational specialized tools
- Necessary educational materials (e.g., computers, schoolbooks, supplies)
- Moving and storage expenses related to the disaster
- Increased childcare expenses

**If you spend the grant on anything other than the purpose for which it is intended, FEMA may ask that the money be returned.**

In addition, it's important for applicants to make sure that FEMA has their most up-to-date contact information, including addresses, phone numbers and bank accounts. If FEMA does not have the correct contact information, survivors may miss letters or phone calls about their application for assistance or payment status.

It's also important to read your FEMA determination letter carefully. Receipts for all expenses are required and should be retained for at least three years because disaster funding is subject to audits.

For any questions, call the FEMA Helpline, **800-621-3362** between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. CT. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

For the latest information on Hurricane Francine, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4817](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4817).



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