

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to Kentucky to supplement the commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on April 22, 2011, and continuing.

Federal funding is available to commonwealth and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding in the counties of Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Fleming, Gallatin, Kenton, Lawrence, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen and Washington.

Federal funding is also available to commonwealth and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis in the counties of Ballard, Carlisle, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Henderson, Hickman, Livingston, McCracken, and Union for emergency protective measures, (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Steven S. Ward has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Ward said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

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