

## Louisiana renters with flood damage may be eligible for federal help

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**Baton Rouge, Louisiana.** – Louisiana renters who experienced losses due to the severe storms and flooding beginning on Aug. 11, 2016, may be eligible for disaster recovery assistance from FEMA and the U.S Small Business Administration (SBA).<br />

Renters may be eligible for grants from FEMA to help with such disaster-related expenses as:<br />

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<li>Renting a new place to live when the renter’s previous home was lost due to the disaster.</li>

<li>Disaster related medical and dental expenses.</li>

<li>Replacement or repair of necessary personal property lost or damaged in the disaster, such as appliances and furniture, textbooks and computers used by students, and work equipment or tools used by the self-employed.</li>

<li>Repair or replacement of vehicles damaged by the disaster.</li>

<li>Disaster-related funeral and burial expenses.</li></ul>FEMA grants are not loans and do not have to be repaid. They are not taxable income and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid, welfare assistance, SNAP benefits and several other programs.<br />

Additionally, renters may qualify for a low-interest loan of up to \$40,000 from the SBA to repair or replace personal property.<br />

Renters who sustained losses can apply for assistance online with any computer, smart phone or tablet at<a

href="https://www.disasterassistance.gov/">DisasterAssistance.gov</a>&nbsp;<br />or by calling&nbsp;<span style="font-weight: 600">800-621-3362</span>&nbsp;<br />or