



Disaster Recovery Assistance for Individuals Activation Notice

Pennsylvania Disaster Recovery Assistance Program Activation Notice

DRAP Availably Date: January 8, 2024	DRAP Closing Date: April 9, 2024	eGrant Activation Name: DRAP Berks County Flood – July 2023
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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued a Disaster Declaration for a number of Pennsylvania counties (PA-00137) impacted by the severe storms and flash flooding that occurred on July 9, 2023 in Berks County. The Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (D-RAP) may be available to eligible residents who applied for and were denied an SBA disaster loan and live in a municipality identified in this notice.

D-RAP is a grant program to aid recovery efforts for homeowners and renters who meet lower income thresholds, are uninsured or underinsured, and when other local, state, federal, non-governmental, or private aid is not available. For those who qualify, grants can be used to repair their home, cover temporary housing, or replace essential personal property.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for D-RAP:

1. The homeowner or renter must have suffered losses caused directly by the disaster.
2. The homeowner or renter must first apply for a disaster loan through the U.S. SBA and be denied because of inability to repay or inadequate credit.
3. Household income must be below 500% of the most recent National Federal Poverty Guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
4. The homeowner’s or renter’s primary residence must be in a municipality included in this DRAP activation.

PEMA is in the process of contacting individuals directly who meet all of the eligibility criteria to make them aware of the program and to provide instructions on how to submit a grant application.

Municipalities included in the DRAP activation:

Berks County: Alsace Township, Exeter Township, Fleetwood Borough, Laureldale Borough,

Leesport Borough, Lower Alsace Township, Maidencreek Township, Muhlenberg Township, Oley Township, Ontelaunee Township, Sinking Spring Borough, Spring Township, West Reading Borough, Wyomissing Borough

Municipalities included in this D-RAP activation:

- Are located within the primary or contiguous counties included in SBA declaration PA-00137, Severe Storms and Flash Flooding.
- Issued a disaster declaration within two weeks of the event.
- Reported damage to at least one home as a result of the disaster event.

Supplementary Information:

Details about the program are on the PA Emergency Management website at:

www.pema.pa.gov/recovery/disaster-help. If you are unable to visit the website, you can email questions to PADRAP@pa.gov.

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