



# Voluntary Agency Coordination (VAC) Snapshot Report #185

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## VOISE Strategic Partner Call

Older adults vary in life experiences and capabilities and, in many cases, demonstrate greater resilience in the face of disasters than younger populations. Though many disasters and emergencies disproportionately impact older adult populations, particularly ages 85 and older, it is important to understand how to identify and address their specific needs during a disaster or emergency. Please join this webinar featuring FEMA's Administrator Deanne Criswell, and representatives from National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Mennonite Disaster Services, Cajun Navy Ground Force, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), and Team Rubicon.

### VOISE Strategic Partner Call Aging Populations In Disasters

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Time:** 3:30 – 5:00 PM ET

**Location:** ZOOM

**Register for this call:**

[Click Here to Register!](#)





# Severe Weather Declaration Activity

**Purpose/Overview:** This page details information for ongoing declarations that occurred as a result of natural and man-made disasters. This information is intended to enable our partners to better serve and assist survivors. This data was captured **03/09/2023 at 11:00 AM EST** and reflects the most current data in FEMA's systems.

## Declaration Requests in Process

State/Tribe/Territory-Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - Tornadoes	DR		X	X	01/03/2023
WV – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides (Appeal)	DR	X	X	X	01/27/2023
TX – Severe Storms and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	02/07/2023
ME – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	02/16/2023
NH – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	02/17/2023
TX – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	02/21/2023
VT – Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	02/21/2023
NY – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR	X	X	X	02/23/2023
OR – Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	DR		X	X	02/27/2023
CA – Heat Dome and Wildfires (Appeal)	DR		X	X	03/05/2023

Declared Congregate Sheltering		Declared Non-Congregate Sheltering		Non-Declared Congregate Sheltering		
Incident	EM – 3592 -CA	Incident	DR-4673-FL	Incident	Flood – AZ	Blizzard – VT
Population	724(ARC)	Population	1021 (State)	Population	0 (NEW ARC Shelter)	3 (NEW ARC Shelter)

## Individual Assistance (IA) Declarations\*

DR #	State/Territory	Declaration Date	Last Filing Date	Total Registrations	IHP Referred	HA Referred	ONA Referred	\$IHP Funding Approved
4685	Georgia	01/16/2023	03/20/2023	8,943	5,405	4,878	2,995	\$3,963,712.45
4684	Alabama	01/15/2023	03/16/2023	5,441	4,236	4,032	2,568	\$6,635,896.03
4683	California	01/14/2023	03/16/2023	25,788	16,990	15,808	7,401	\$31,766,970.66

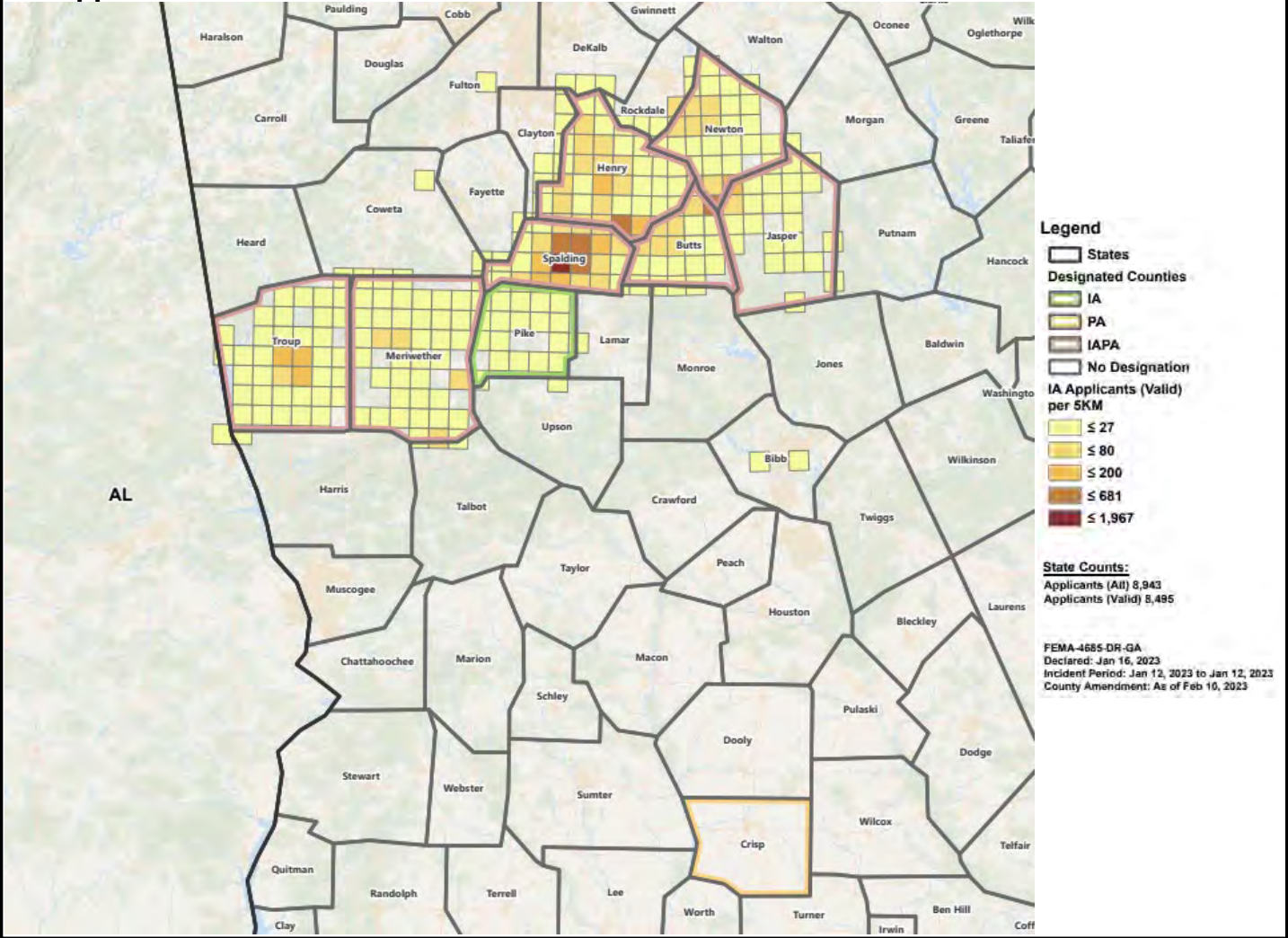
\*Key: IHP – Individuals & Households Program ([learn more](#)) | HA – Housing Assistance ([learn more](#)) | ONA – Other Needs Assistance ([learn more](#))



# Registration Information: Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes DR-4685-GA

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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



Disaster Stats For DR-4685-GA					
Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
4,309	1,669	758	621	543	
Spalding	Henry	Newton	Troup	Butts	
Registrations					
Total		Valid		Invalid	
8,943		8,495		448	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved		Denied		Pending
4,864	109		1,513		3,242
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
5,405	4,878		2,995		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$3,963,712	\$3,287,907		\$675,805		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
4,662	74%	15%	7%	2%	1%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
2,816	55%	21%	16%	5%	3%





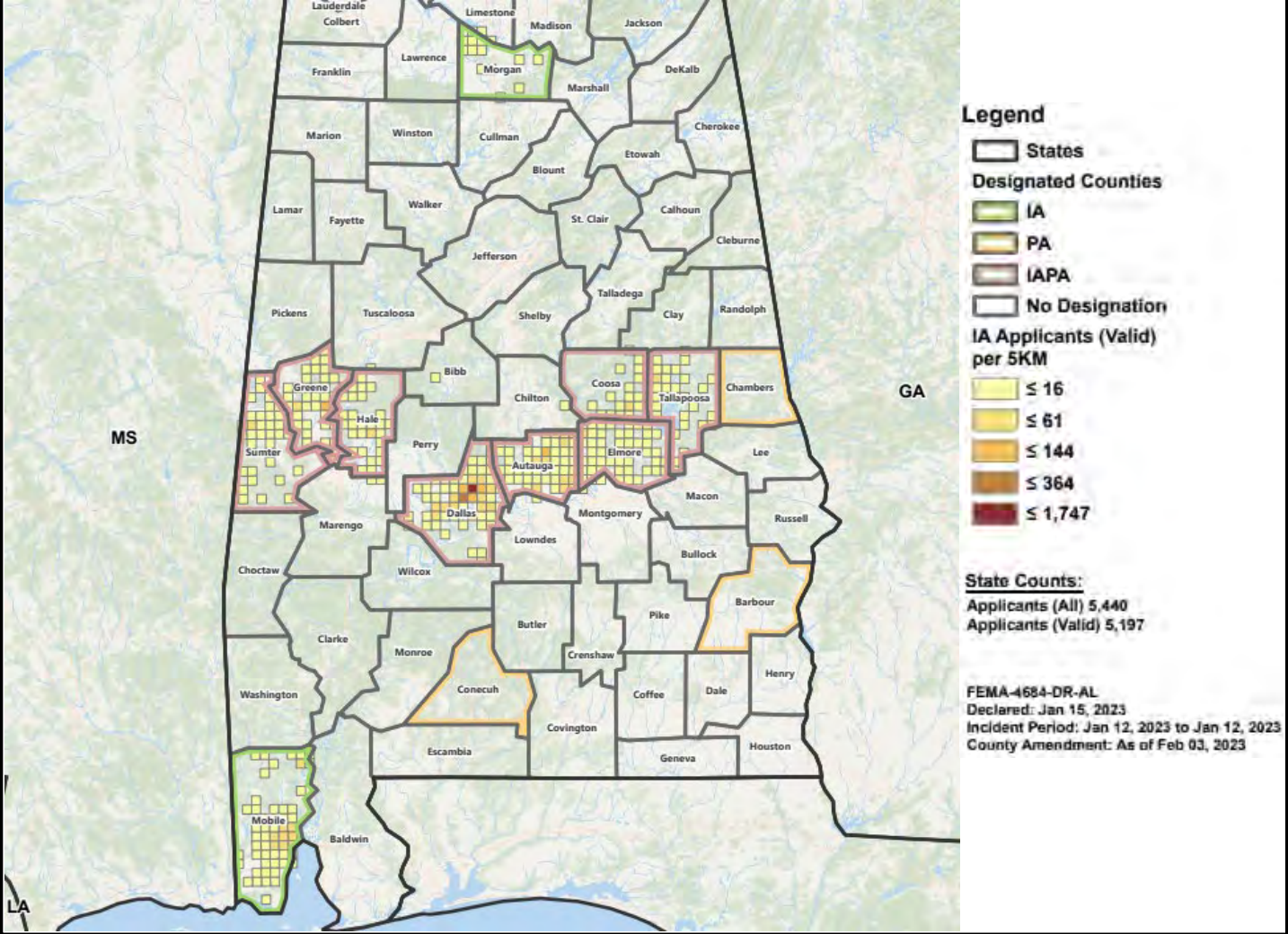
# Registration Information:

## Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes

### DR-4684-AL

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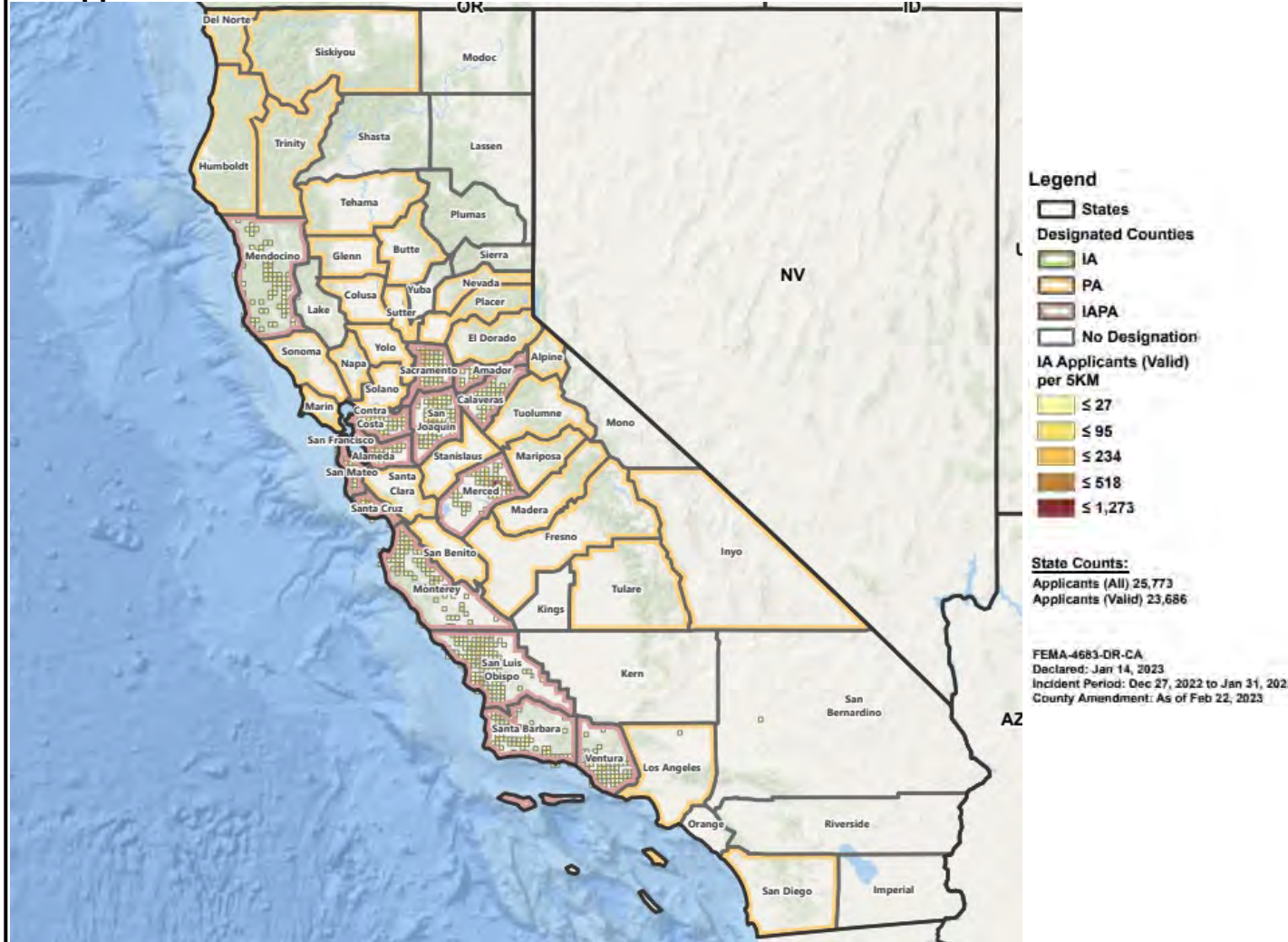
Disaster Stats For DR-4684-AL					
Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
3,085	564	478	252	251	
Dallas	Autauga	Mobile	Elmore	Greene	
Registrations					
Total		Valid		Invalid	
5,441		5,198		243	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved		Denied		Pending
3,619	103		2,034		1,482
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP	HA		ONA		
4,236	4,032		2,568		
Approved					
IHP	HA		ONA		
\$6,635,896	\$5,304,696		\$1,331,200		
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
3,451	45%	29%	19%	7%	1%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
1,486	40%	27%	23%	9%	2%



# Registration Information: Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides DR-4683-CA

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## IA Applicants Per 5KM



## Disaster Stats For DR-4683-CA

Top 5 Counties with FEMA Applicants					
3,483	3,225	2,886	2,455	2,152	
Sacramento	Merced	Santa Cruz	San Luis Obispo	San Joaquin	
Registrations					
Total		Valid		Invalid	
25,788		23,701		2,087	
SBA Applications (Homeowners Only)					
Referred	Approved		Denied		Pending
15,720	1,095		4,270		10,355
IHP Financial Breakdown					
Referred					
IHP		HA		ONA	
16,990		15,808		7,401	
Approved					
IHP		HA		ONA	
\$31,766,971		\$29,085,907		\$2,681,064	
Applicant Reported Damages					
Owners					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
14,496	57%	29%	10%	1%	3%
Renters					
Total	Minor	Moderate	Major	Destroyed	Unknown
6,973	39%	28%	19%	9%	5%





# Regional Operational Updates

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## Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)

### DR-4684-AL:

- Two Disaster Recovery Center in Selma, Dallas County, will close permanently March 16: DRCs located at Dr. Michael and Catherine Bullock Community Center and Felix Heights Community Center.
- Disaster survivors who are working on their homes can visit Marvin's Hardware Store in Selma to speak with FEMA mitigation specialists about assistance and discuss how to best repair their homes. Most of the information is geared toward do-it-yourself work and general contractors. Available at: Marvin's Hardware Store, 1500 AL-Hwy 14 East, Selma, AL 36703. Dates and times:
  - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, March 16, and Friday, March 17
  - 7:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 18
  - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 19
  - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, March 20
  - 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 21

## Region 5 (MN, WI, IL, IN, MI, OH)

### East Palestine, Ohio Train Derailment:

- Due to snow cover, soil sampling efforts were delayed. On March 15th, EPA and Norfolk Southern plan to resume sampling at agricultural, residential, commercial, and recreational properties in both Ohio and Pennsylvania. EPA has highlighted what community members can expect to see during the sampling on their [Facebook page](#).
- Results from the soil sampling are expected about 7-12 days after the samples are taken and will be posted [online](#).
- As of March 12, EPA had conducted 615 home re-entry screenings to date and continues 24/7 air monitoring at 23 stations throughout the community. No detections of vinyl chloride or hydrogen chloride have been identified.

## Region 6 (AR, LA, OK, NM, TX)

### Region 6:

- The [FEMA Region 6 SPRING RISC 2023](#), to be held April 11-13<sup>th</sup>, will be focused around "Hurricane Preparedness & Technology in Emergency Management." VALS are partnering with Private Sector and Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC) to deliver orientation presentation on who they are, the resources they provide, how to request assistance, and how to coordinate with private sector in blue skies and disaster.

### DR-4611-LA:

- The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has announced that operations for the Ida Sheltering Program (non-congregate sheltering program run by the State of Louisiana) are scheduled to end on May 31. This deadline does not impact Ida survivors currently housed in FEMA's Manufactured Housing Units (MHUs) or other programs.
- VALs have received 2509 (+18) referrals; 2464 (+9) of the cases are closed and 45 (-2) are open.
- VALs have received 2912 (+59) Duplication of Benefits requests from disaster case management agencies and have completed 2878 (+43) to date.
- Voluntary agencies report 944 (+139) Homes have been repaired/rebuilt and 335 (-1) homes are pending home repairs/rebuilding.

## Region 8 (MT, ND, SD, WY, CO, UT)

**Utah:** Utah VOAD is hosting the Mountain West VOAD Conference, April 12-15, 2023, in Salt Lake City. For details: [www.mwvoad.org](http://www.mwvoad.org).

## Region 9 (CA, NV, AR, HI, Guam, Northern Mariana, American Samoa)

### EM-3592-CA:

- Federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of California to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts due to emergency conditions resulting from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides beginning March 9, 2023, and continuing.
- Designated counties: Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.

# Operations Update: FEMA Donations Unit

## Top Priority Needs

as identified by non-profit and/or faith-based organizations



## Current Open Offers

Current open offers for partners: **73** trailer loads equal approximately **3.4 million** items

**Available Offers** (as of March 17, 2023)

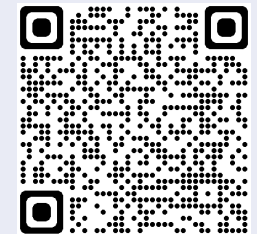


Please visit our FEMA HQ Donations Dashboard below for specific details on these donations and partner priority needs!



On a mobile device?

Use our QR code to access the Dashboard:



If your organization is interested in the available donation offers or can fulfill any of the identified needs – or have any product needs for current operations, please reach out to the team's common email account: [Donations@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Donations@fema.dhs.gov)



# Partnerships in Action: Georgia



On January 12, severe storms with straight-line winds and multiple tornadoes hit Butts, Henry, Jasper, Meriwether, Newton, Pike, Spalding, and Troup counties in Georgia. The [Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#) (GA VOAD) led daily virtual response meetings with its members, the emergency management community throughout the State, and other external partners. GA VOAD provided situational awareness reports, identified county needs, and shared partner efforts based on individual capabilities. These included:

- **American Red Cross** opened three shelters, staffed by **Georgia Medical Reserve Corps** and **Georgia Department of Public Health** personnel.
- **The Salvation Army** fed shelter residents, responders, and provided mass feeding in various communities (16,000+ meals).
- **Spalding Collaborative** organized a disaster relief warehouse for collection and distribution of much needed supplies in Griffin.
- **North Georgia United Methodist Conference, Samaritan's Purse, Team Rubicon, Rebuilding Hope, and South Georgia United Methodist Conference** deployed relief volunteers to impacted counties to remove debris, tarp roofs, and remove water-damaged items from homes.
- **HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response** brought their comfort animals to schools and disaster recovery centers, where their teams provided support in an overwhelming situation.

GA VOAD continues to support the devastated communities by offering guidance and leadership to set-up local Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs) and local Long-Term Recovery Committees. Many of GA VOAD members are also contributing grants or other funding to support long term recovery, including American Red Cross, Lutheran Services, North GA UMC, Rotary Club, and The Salvation Army.



**Pictured, top to bottom:** The Salvation Army volunteers delivering supplies to survivors; Team Rubicon hard at work in Spalding County; Spalding Collaborative volunteers at distribution center; South Georgia United Methodist Conference delivering blankets to Griffin. *Photos used with permission from GA VOAD.*



# Partners in Action: #AmeriThanks

## Happy AmeriCorps Week!

Celebrating the millions who wear the AmeriCorps A, choosing to serve their country and leave a lasting impact on generations of Americans.



March 12-18 | #AmeriCorpsWeek



March 12-18, AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, celebrates AmeriCorps Week, and the millions of Americans who unite through service to address most urgent needs.

Over the past year, AmeriCorps members and volunteers have helped manage COVID-19 response, combatted hunger and homelessness, responded to natural disasters, helped seniors live independently, supported veterans and military families, and more. AmeriCorps programs:

- **AmeriCorps Seniors** launched two first-of-their-kind grant opportunities which invest in the **55+ workforce** and **tribal-serving organizations** that offer older adult volunteer programs.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA** awarded more than \$2 million to help organizations address the **impact of hunger** in their state and find innovative ways to end hunger nationwide.
- **AmeriCorps State and National** made a record-breaking **\$580 million investment** to more than 340 organizations focused on meeting the most pressing needs of communities nationwide.
- **AmeriCorps Disaster Response Teams** and **AmeriCorps NCCC** are actively responding to communities affected by **Hurricane Ian**, **Hurricane Fiona**, **Missouri flooding**, and other disasters.

# Tools for Partners: News You Can Use

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## Updates to the National Risk Index

In late March, FEMA will release major updates to the National Risk Index. Updates will include Census 2020 data and geographies, risk assessment for U.S. territories, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability data, shifting all scores to percentiles, adding risk metrics for trend analyses and more.

The National Risk Index shows the communities most at risk to 18 natural hazards. FEMA officially launched the National Risk Index in August 2021. Since then, it has become a key tool to helping communities better learn and reduce their risk. It can support mitigation planning, community preparedness and emergency management. Visit [fema.gov/NRI](https://fema.gov/NRI) to learn more.

FEMA is hosting a webinar before the release to preview the updates and review any impacts to the data services. Registration is required on Zoom and login information will be emailed after you register for one of the sessions. An open Question and Answer Session will follow the presentation.

**The webinar will be held March 20 at 12:00 p.m. ET.** [Registration link.](#) This webinar is for those who use the National Risk Index data and reporting or have integrated the application's data, GIS services or information into any tools or applications. This may include emergency managers, planners, GIS developers, community stakeholders, state, local and federal agencies, commercial organizations and more.

## FEMA Updates Federal Interagency Operational Plan



### Response and Recovery Federal Interagency Operational Plan

First Edition  
March 2023



FEMA updated the Federal Interagency Operations Plan for federal disaster response and recovery efforts to support the National Response Framework and National Disaster Recovery Framework.

This is the first time the recovery and response plans have been combined into one plan, providing unity of effort for federal agencies to support state, local, tribal and territorial governments after a disaster.

The plan serves as the federal organizing framework for responding to and recovering from various types of threats and hazards and the unique challenges that they pose. It is a strategic document relying on the operational plans, capabilities and resources of the federal government and does not address all aspects of incident response and recovery.

Learn more at [Federal Interagency Operational Plans](#) | [FEMA.gov](https://FEMA.gov).

## Podcast Episode Discusses Flood Insurance

**Flooding is America's most frequent disaster, affecting 99% of U.S. counties since 1996.** Just one inch of water can cause roughly \$25,000 of damage to one's home and most homeowners don't know their flood risk or what is covered in the event of a flood.

Even more concerning, rising extreme weather has made flooding more prominent and that's not only happening in flood zones. On average, about 40% of NFIP flood insurance claims come from outside high-hazard zones.

FEMA and its National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) protect approximately 4.7 million policyholders across more than 22,500 U.S. communities.

On this episode, David Maurstad, senior executive of the National Flood Insurance Program, discusses misconceptions and how the program is designed to help residents and business owners protect the life they've built with flood insurance. Click [here](#) to access the episode.





# Tools for Partners: Grant Opportunities

## Recovery and Resilience Resource Library: Records Added Last Seven Days (as of March 15, 2023).

**These resources are not a complete roster of all available programs.** The following are for general informational purposes and provided with publicly obtainable information. Please view this only as a starting point for individual research; visit the [Recovery and Resilience Resource Library](#) for a full listing. The user should always directly consult the provider of a potential resource for current program information and to verify the applicability of a particular program. Resource Reports are not final policy interpretations nor guarantees of funding and do not constitute an endorsement by FEMA for any program or entity.

Resource Provider / Deadline	Program / Website	MAX-TRAX	Description	Eligibility	Geographic Eligibility
<b>PEDIGREE Foundation</b> Deadline: Apr-07-2023	<a href="#">FY23 PEDIGREE Foundation - Shelters Grants: Dogs Rule / Program Development / Disaster Relief</a>	<a href="#">RR-30184</a>	Grants to dog shelters and rescue programs that support dog adoptions. Supports organizations working to save the lives of dogs that otherwise would be lost.	<b>Nonprofit Organizations</b>	National
<b>Foundation for Financial Planning (FFP)</b> Deadline: May-02-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Foundation for Financial Planning (FFP) - Pro Bono Financial Planning Services</a>	<a href="#">RR-30179</a>	To help people take control of their financial lives by connecting the financial planning community with people in need (including pro bono advice and outreach activities).	<b>Nonprofit Organizations</b>	National
<b>Burroughs Wellcome Fund</b> Deadline: Apr-12-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change &amp; Human Health Seed Grants</a>	<a href="#">RR-30192</a>	To promote growth of new connections between scholars, practitioners, educators, and/or communicators working to understand, spread the word about, and mitigate the impacts of climate change on human health.	<b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education	National
<b>Alaska Community Foundation (ACF)</b> Deadline: Apr-15-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) - Anchorage Trail Care Grants</a>	<a href="#">RR-30174</a>	Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to support summer soft-surface trail maintenance and construction projects in the Anchorage Bowl, from Girdwood to Eklutna.	Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Public/Private Institutions of Education K-12, Tribe	Alaska
<b>Department of Agriculture - Forest Service</b> Deadline: May-14-2023	<a href="#">FY23 Southern Area State Fire Capacity Hazard Mitigation (10.664 &amp; 10.698)</a>	<a href="#">RR-30213</a>	To restore and maintain landscapes and create fire adapted communities.	Local Government & Authority, <b>Nonprofit Organizations</b> , Public/Private Institutions of Higher Education, State, Territory, Tribe	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia



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