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Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Federal Aid for Southeast Missouri Flood Victims

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today applauded the federal government for quickly responding to state requests for individual aid for flooding victims. Several counties in Southeast Missouri were severely affected by flooding after heavy rains hit the area in March.

During the emergency situation, state agencies followed a coordinated response to work to ensure the safety of those in affected areas. The state then asked the federal government to quickly approve disaster declarations for assistance. With preliminary damage assessments now complete, it has been determined that individuals in Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, and Scott counties will be eligible for federal assistance.

"This situation has been unnerving for our community, as many homes were severely damaged or destroyed," said Sen. Crowell. "I appreciate the quick response to our request, and I know that residents in Southeast Missouri will utilize this important assistance."

The individual assistance program provides money or direct assistance to individuals, families, and businesses whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance. It is meant to help citizens with critical expenses that cannot be covered in other ways. Residents applying for disaster assistance will need the following information:

- Social Security number.
- Current and pre-disaster address.
- Telephone number.
- Insurance information.
- Total household annual income.
- A routing and account number from their bank (only necessary if applicant wants to have disaster assistance funds transferred directly into their bank account).
- A description of losses that were caused by the disaster.

In order to apply or to get more information, visit <u>http://www.fema.gov/assistance/</u> or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

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