



Rural Development

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RE: Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program

I previously informed several officials that USDA Rural Development announced a supplemental Disaster Assistance Funds allocation for Rural Housing Assistance Grants. This is available only for Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas when the damage caused by the disaster occurred in calendar year 2022. We initially had seven counties that were eligible for this funding. They included:

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| Crockett | Haywood | Lauderdale |
| Fayette | Tipton | Shelby |
| Weakley | | |

Our National Office has advised that we have additional counties that have been added to this Rural Disaster Home Repair Grant Program and they include:

Davidson, Knox, Maury, Coffee, Washington, Greene, Putnam, Cocke and Henderson counties.

Note: The home has to be located in an eligible RD designated rural area.

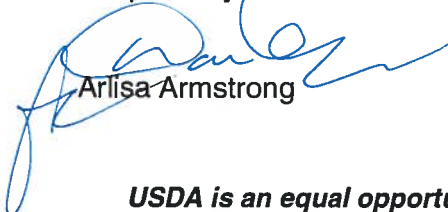
The great news about this program is that income eligible homeowners may qualify for a grant of up to \$40,000 for repairs related to the disaster and/or be reimbursed for repairs already made if the repairs have not already been paid by insurance or FEMA. The best news is that the grants are available to ANY income eligible homeowner who is age 18 and above!

I have attached the Pre-Screen form that we are using for applicants to apply for the program. We would appreciate if you can assist by distributing this program information to homeowners in your area who can benefit from the available grant funding.

For more information on the program – please contact Don Harris, Housing Program Director, USDA Rural Development at: Donald.harris@usda.gov or (615) 783-1388.

Thanks for helping to share this news on this valuable disaster grant assistance for homeowners who were directly impacted in calendar year 2022.

Respectfully,



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