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## **Media Release**

From: Emergency Operations Center

**Subject:** Hernando County Approved for Federal and State Individual Assistance

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In response to Governor Scott's request for assistance as a result of impacts from Hurricane Hermine, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to supplement local recovery efforts in Hernando County.

Hernando County residents that were affected by Hurricane Hermine will have the opportunity to register for federal disaster funds and emergency resources. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in Hernando County can begin applying for assistance starting Thursday, September 29, 2016. Registration is available online at <a href="https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov">www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Additional information regarding the availability of disaster assistance and programs is located at https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2016/09/28/federal-aid-programs-state-florida