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News Release

Nearly \$10 Million in Federal Disaster Aid Approved for Sevier County Wildfires

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Survivors of the Sevier County wildfires have been approved for **nearly \$10 million** in FEMA disaster assistance and loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

With the looming **Feb. 13** deadline to register for FEMA disaster assistance, here is a snapshot of the wildfire recovery in Tennessee since the **Dec. 15** major disaster declaration.

Except as noted, the figures below are from close of business **Feb. 5**:

- Registrations approved for disaster assistance: **401**
- Individuals and Households Program amount approved: **nearly \$3 million**
- Housing Assistance approved: **more than \$1.5 million**
- Other Needs Assistance approved: **nearly \$1.5 million**
- Percentage of housing inspections completed: **99 percent**

SBA loans to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes totaled: **more than \$6.8 million, including:**

- **more than \$4.1 million** in loans to homeowners and renters
- **more than \$2.7 million** in loans to businesses for physical disaster damage and working capital.
- **1,271** survivor visits to the two disaster recovery centers and the Multi Agency Resource Center established during the recovery.

Federal disaster assistance is available to eligible individuals and households, and to those who were working in or visiting Sevier County between Nov. 28 and Dec. 9 and had disaster-related damage.

Disaster survivors may still register for federal assistance before the **Feb. 13** deadline. Here's how:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov (also in Spanish).
- Download [the FEMA mobile app](#) (also in Spanish).
- Call the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362 (FEMA)**. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a **TTY** may call **800-462-7585**. Toll-free numbers are open daily from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.**
- Help is available in most languages.

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