



## Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

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### Federal Individual Assistance Denied for Affected Counties

**Little Rock** –Governor Asa Hutchinson's request for Individual Assistance (IA) was denied by the federal government for six counties affected by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding March 8-13, 2016.

Governor Hutchinson requested IA for Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Lee, Lincoln and Phillips counties to provide financial assistance to residents whose homes were damaged during the severe storms. After federal review, IA was denied for all requested counties.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management is requesting Small Business Administration disaster loans for residents and businesses whose property and homes were damaged in Ashley, Chicot and Desha counties. Contiguous counties may also be included.

Additional state-funded disaster assistance will become available to uninsured homeowners and renters. Assistance may include temporary housing and repair or replacement of residential and personal property.

A state call center will be established soon for residents of affected areas to receive more information and apply for State Individual Assistance.

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