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Aid to tornado impacted counties tops \$5 million two months later

CLINTON- Two months have passed since tornadoes and severe storms ripped through Attala, Choctaw, Holmes, Issaquena, Oktibbeha, Union, Warren and Yazoo counties, aid to those areas tops the \$5 million mark.

More than 1,900 registrations have been received so far for state, FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration assistance. This assistance is delivered through a number of different programs including Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and SBA low-interest loans.

“I am very pleased with the progress we have seen in our recovery from the April storms,” said Mississippi Emergency Management Director Mike Womack. “That progress is a result of the hard work of the local communities, state agencies and our federal partners.”

“Progress towards recovery can be measured every day” said Federal Coordinating Officer Michael Bolch. “While recovery often comes slowly we have made tremendous strides in a short amount of time in helping local residents and communities recover from the devastating event.”

Here is a summary of the approved assistance by county which includes Individual Assistance grants, Public Assistance and MEMA and FEMA housing programs.

- **Attala:** 170 applications for Individuals and Households Program for \$258, 811.51. Three approved Public Assistance projects for \$23,854.99.
- **Choctaw:** 201 applications for \$441,693.19. Seven MEMA cottages have been sold to residents and 17 FEMA disaster housing units were installed in the county. Six approved Public Assistance projects for \$62,125.36.
- **Holmes:** 421 applications for \$1,048,496.46. Four FEMA disaster housing units were installed in the county.
- **Issaquena:** One approved Public Assistance project for \$2,532.98.
- **Monroe:** 67 applications for \$32,970.55. Two Public Assistance projects for \$16,192.33.
- **Oktibbeha:** 69 applications for \$85, 695.65.
- **Union:** 21 applications for \$6,789.16.
- **Warren:** 41 applications for \$31,615.92. Two approved Public Assistance projects for \$32,884.77.

- **Yazoo:** 768 applications for \$1,366,017.07. Eight MEMA cottages have been sold to residents along with 13 FEMA disaster housing units installed in the county. Three approved Public Assistance projects for \$15,677.97.

In addition to Individual and Public Assistance projects the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and their contractors, have been removing debris in affected counties over the past two months. The amounts of debris removed so far are listed below in tons:

- **Attala:** 390.3
- **Choctaw:** 3,750.9
- **Holmes:** 535.2
- **Monroe:** 966.5
- **Yazoo City :** 2,538.4
- **Yazoo:** 33,481.4

The U.S. Small Business Administration is also a critical part of the recovery process. The SBA offers residents impacted by the storms low-interest loans to help them rebuild their lives. The SBA has received more than 160 applications and approved nearly \$2.1 million in loans.

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