

**WSC ADVISORY #2022-024
HURRICANE IAN UPDATES**

INFORMATIONAL

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Hurricane Ian left widespread destruction across Southwest, Central, and Northeast Florida. As Florida begins the transition to recovery, APD wants to ensure that Qualified Organizations, Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs), and Consumer Directed Care Plus (CDC+) Consultants have the necessary information and tools to recover personally, as well as to identify unmet disaster-caused needs of APD clients.

Federal, state, and local governments, along with businesses, not-for-profit, and faith-based entities are on the ground throughout Florida issuing aid to disaster survivors. These efforts will continue in the foreseeable future.

The following 26 counties are eligible for FEMA Individual Assistance: Brevard, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, and Volusia.

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. Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the [FEMA App](#). Anyone using a video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service, or other type of relay service, can give FEMA the number for that service.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is collecting information to assist disaster survivors who have critical unmet needs due to Hurricane Ian. The purpose of this survey is to support ongoing efforts by the state of Florida to provide critical resources to those in need of assistance. By participating in this voluntary survey, disaster survivors can select and submit specific details to the state about their critical unmet needs. The survey also provides helpful information concerning how to request assistance from FEMA.

Please access the survey at the link below:

Unmet Needs Resident Form – English

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fd5d67022aa945af9bf336fe2eec2205>

Unmet Needs Resident Form – Spanish

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f9adaab164c9479385300ceb0f055627>

APD has been communicating with clients, providers, partners, and employees since before Hurricane Ian made landfall last month. APD has representatives at the State Emergency Operations Center, at the Disaster Recovery Centers, and as part of the teams going into disaster shelters. APD maintains a Disaster Recovery Toolkit with resource information to assist in navigating the resources available to those affected by this devastating storm. Please go to APD's Disaster Recovery Toolkit for information to assist in navigating the resources available to those

affected by this devastating storm: <https://apd.myflorida.com/news/toolkit.htm> . This also links to the FDEM website for additional information: www.floridadisaster.org .

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the APD Regional office if you have any questions or concerns.