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## Disaster Assistance

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FEMA officials have extended the deadline 30 days from the original deadline of this Friday for Oklahomans in the nine counties deemed eligible for disaster aid.

As of Monday, 14,326 people have registered for assistance with FEMA in Canadian, Cleveland, Le Flore, Lincoln, McClain, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee and Pottawatomie Counties in the wake of damage from spring storms.

The deadline was extended at the request of state officials to allow people in all affected counties at least 60 days to apply for disaster assistance, as several counties were added to the disaster list in the days and weeks after the May 20 tornado, FEMA spokesman Nate Custer said.

“The feeling was that there may be some people who have not been able to apply yet as the deadline grew closer,” Custer said.

FEMA grant money is available for home repairs not covered by insurance, including structural repairs as well as repairs for water systems, ventilation and heating and cooling systems.

The deadline for residents and businesses to apply for low-interest disaster recovery

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The SBA had approved nearly \$26.5 million in disaster recovery loans in affected counties as of Monday, Colton said.

More information about available aid can be found at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov).

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