

FEMA Individual Assistance Program

Application Deadline: March 5, 2012

Historic homes damaged by the August 23, 2011 earthquake and used as primary residences may be eligible for financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Individual Assistance Program. Historic buildings used as businesses may also be eligible for loans issued through the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The initial step to access financial assistance is registration with FEMA. Registering with FEMA is the only way to qualify for federal earthquake disaster aid. Owners of properties damaged by the earthquake should register with FEMA even if damage has already been repaired.

To provide additional information and application assistance to owners of historic properties, FEMA, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) are collaborating on the following town hall meetings:

Tuesday, January 24th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Culpeper County High School

14240 Achievement Drive, Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Thursday, January 26th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Room

1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, Virginia 23063

Wednesday, February 1st

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Carysbrook Performing Arts Center

8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, Virginia 23055

Representatives from each state and federal agency will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. FEMA will be available to assist with the registration process for the Individual Assistance Program and SBA specialists will be available to answer questions about the SBA low interest disaster loan process. DHR will be available to discuss best practices for repairing historic buildings. Anyone who requires an accommodation to attend a meeting should contact Bettina Hutchings 571-422-1870 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

To register for Individual Assistance by phone: Call 800-621-FEMA(3362), if you use a TTY, call 1-800-462-7585, if you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-462-3362. Phone lines are open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. EST, seven days a week.

To register for Individual Assistance by smart phones or other mobile devices:
m.fema.gov.

To register for Individual Assistance online: www.DisasterAssistance.gov
Online registration is available at any time.

Do not delay; if you own a property damaged by the earthquake, register immediately and no later than the March 5th deadline.