

Washington, DC—Today, Congressman John Olver announced that a federal disaster declaration has been issued for Hampden and Worcester counties following the tornadoes on June 1, 2011.

“Today, President Obama issued a Federal disaster declaration for Massachusetts. This declaration triggers the release of Federal funds that can be utilized to assist families and communities in their efforts to clean up and rebuild after the tornadoes that struck on June 1, 2011. I’d like to thank the President for his prompt response to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ request. Our thoughts and prayers remain with those who continue to be impacted by these horrific storms,” said Congressman John Olver.

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More information on the federal disaster declaration:

[Click here to view the full FEMA News Release](#)

Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows:

Declaration Number: FEMA-1994-DR

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornadoes

Incident Period: June 1, 2011

Individual Assistance: Assistance to individuals and households, Hampden and Worcester.

Public Assistance: Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities.

Designated Counties: Hampden County

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

Designated Tribes and Counties: All counties Commonwealth of Massachusetts are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the Commonwealth and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Assistance to Individuals and Households

FACT SHEET: [Individuals and Households Program \(IHP\)](#)

The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial help or direct services to those who have necessary expenses and serious needs if they are unable to meet the needs through other means. Up to \$30,200 is available in financial help (adjusted each year), although some forms of IHP assistance have limits. Flood insurance may be required as indicated below. These forms of help are available: Housing Assistance (including Temporary Housing, Repair, Replacement, and Semi-Permanent or Permanent Housing Construction) and Other Needs

Assistance (including personal property and other items). [Click here for more information.](#)

FEMA Public Assistance

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is now incorporated within the Department of Homeland Security, under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), Public Law 93-288, as amended, administers the **Public Assistance (PA)** program. Public Assistance is oriented to public entities and can fund the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of a public facility or infrastructure, which is damaged or destroyed by a disaster.

[Click here for more information.](#)

How to Register

- Telephone — 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY (800) 462-7585 for individuals with speech or hearing disabilities.
- Internet — Individuals may apply for disaster assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Smartphone — The mobile website m.fema.gov allows the public to register with FEMA and easily access disaster-related information directly on their web-enabled device.

FEMA's Individuals and Households Program Guide

FEMA's [Help After a Disaster Guide](#) is mailed to FEMA applicants and provides an overview of FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. It is available in PDF and Text formats and is translated into several languages.