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## President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Rhode Island Disaster Declaration

Today, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Rhode Island and ordered Federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding from January 9 to January 13, 2024.

The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Kent, Providence, and Washington.

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.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Mr. Robert V. Fogel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been appointed to coordinate Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

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

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

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