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FEMA Helpline Still Available

PIERRE, S.D. – Flood-disaster information and assistance is still available for those who have registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), disaster officials announced today.

“The deadline to register with us has passed,” said FEMA’s Federal Coordinating Officer Gary Stanley. “But we want those who have already registered with us to know they can still reach us for information about their case or any follow-up questions they may have.”

The phone number for those who have questions for FEMA is 800-621-FEMA (3362), option 3. A TTY number for those with hearing problems is 800-462-7585. The phone lines are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT.

A total of 1,751 homeowners, renters and businesses in South Dakota had registered with FEMA by the close of the application period on Monday, Oct. 24. While applications continue to be processed, more than \$4 million in grants already have been given, and the U. S. Small Business Administration has approved almost \$5.4 million in federal disaster loans for residents and businesses.

An additional \$22.8 million has been given in grants by FEMA and the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management to local government agencies and some nonprofits to help rebuild infrastructure damaged by this year’s floods. That program continues to process applications and give grants.