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September 14, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Through:

Fred Kaehler
Acting Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region 5
536 S. Clark St., 6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60605

Subject: Request for Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance – Disaster Period August 11-16, 2026.

Declaration and Federal Assistance Request

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5170), and 44 CFR § 206.36, I am requesting a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Illinois authorizing federal assistance programs as follows:

Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) for the State of Illinois and the following Illinois counties:

- Champaign
- Cook
- Ford
- Fulton
- McLean
- Tazewell
- Vermilion
- Will

In addition, I request concurrent consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) physical and economic injury disaster declaration for the affected counties. PDA results show uninsured losses sufficient to meet SBA thresholds, so I request consideration of SBA disaster loans to support affected individuals, businesses, homeowners, renters, and nonprofit organizations.

Supporting Information

Incident Period and Basis for Single Incident Determination

The incident period for this event is August 11-16, 2026, documented as a single incident period consistent with the National Weather Service Chicago and the National Weather Service Lincoln characterizations of one continuous weather pattern and confirmed through FEMA Region 5 Recovery Acting Division Manager Amanda Ratliff's concurrence. This determination is made under PAPPG version 5.0, Chapter 1 § IV. B (Incident Period), implementing 44 C.F.R. § 206.32(f), and consistent with the recognition in § IV.A that a major disaster declaration may encompass multiple incident types within a single declared incident.

The same weather system carried into Northwest Indiana that same day, producing repeated rounds of heavy rain through August 16th, with NWS Indianapolis describing the resulting central Indiana flooding as catastrophic. On August 25th, 2026, FEMA approved a major disaster declaration for Indiana with both Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, FEMA-4933-DR, for severe storms, straight line, winds, tornadoes, and flooding using a single incident period of August 11, 2026, and continuing.

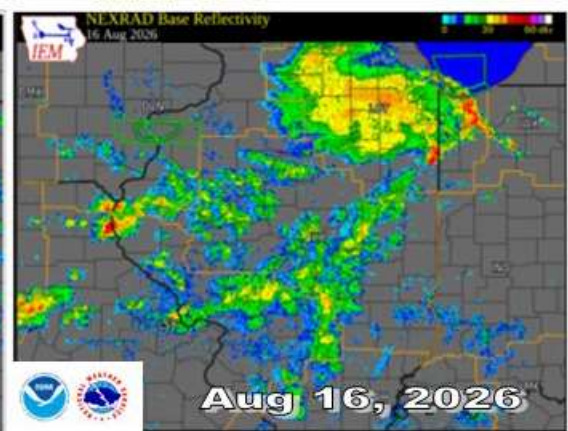
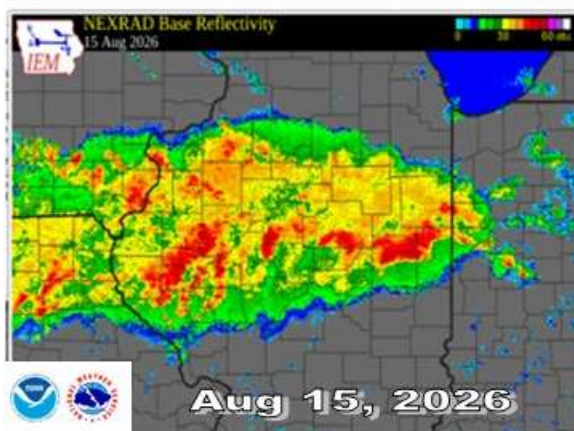
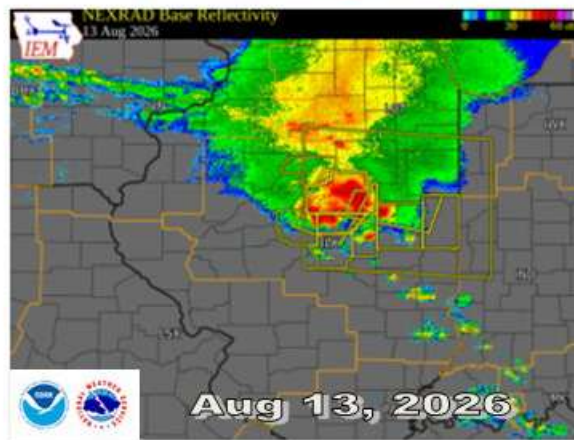
Incident Description: August 11-16, 2026, Severe Weather System

Between August 11-16, 2026, this single, continuous weather system caused the following damage across Illinois: on August 11, a derecho moved across Northern Illinois into Northwest Indiana, producing widespread winds of 70 mph and gusts locally exceeding 100 mph, with wind damage across the south and southwest Chicago suburbs. NWS Chicago confirmed eight tornadoes that day, the strongest an EF-2 tracking from near Frankfort to Monee in Will County, with peak winds near 115 mph. ComEd reported nearly 410,000 customer outages across Northern Illinois from August 11-12 storms combined.

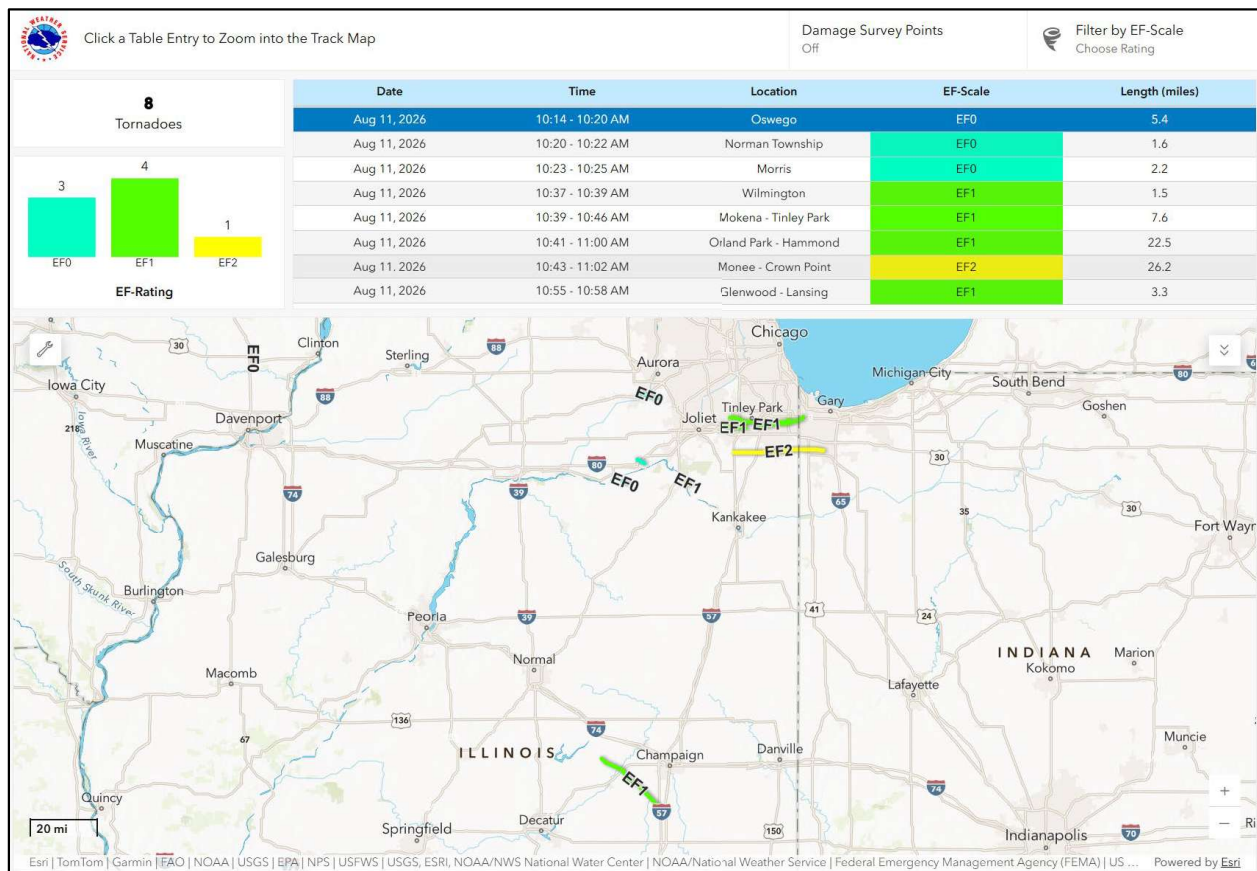
On August 12, a second line of morning thunderstorms crossed the same area, producing additional scattered wind damage from gusts in the 50-60 mph range.

On August 13, the system produced a downburst over Bloomington-Normal (McLean County), with a confirmed 67 mph gust that knocked out power to more than 24,000 customers. The system then stalled over central Illinois from August 13th through the early morning hours of August 16th, producing 3–6-inch rainfall totals along the I-74 corridor, with localized totals of 8-12 inches. NWS Lincoln's 72-hour rainfall totals, finalized the morning of August 16th, reached historic levels in Fulton and Tazewell counties (see County by County Impact below).

NWS Radar Storm Graphics from August 11-16, 2026



NWS Tornado Tracks in Illinois (August 11, 2026)



County-by-County Weather System Impact

Champaign County - August 13th: A storm near Sadorus with a 60-mph gust and penny-sized hail tracked through Savoy, Tolono, and Willard Airport. Rainfall totals for August 13-16: 8.23 inches at Fisher, 7.16 inches at Rantoul, and 4-6 inches across Champaign, Urbana, Mahomet, St. Joseph, Sidney, and Homer. Flooding was documented at Lake of the Woods, Barber Park (Mahomet), and the Middle Fork River.

NWS, Lincoln, August 13, 2026: severe thunderstorm warning; NWS, Lincoln, August 13-15, 2026: Central Illinois Flash flooding.

Cook County (including City of Chicago) – Aug 11: Tree/power-line damage recorded in Garfield Ridge, Clearing, Archer Heights, Auburn Gresham, Washington Heights, Chatham, Calumet Heights, South Chicago; and in Tinley Park, Homewood, Oak Forest, Dalton, Calumet City, Blue Island. NWS confirmed an EF-2, 105 mph tornado with a 22.4-mile path near Orland Park, and a second EF-1 in Homewood that damaged a strip mall and apartment complex.

NWS, Chicago, August 11, 2026: Powerful Morning Derecho.

Ford County - August 14-15: Flooded roads, homes, and fields in Gibson City, Elliott, and Paxton with more than 6 inches of rainfall in 48 hours. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) closed Illinois Route 9 between Paxton and Gibson City due to flooding.

NWS, Chicago; WAND-TV, August 14-15, 2026: Consecutive nights of flash flooding in southern Ford County.

Fulton County – August 13-15: NWS Lincoln's 72-hour rainfall recurrence interval about one in 1000 years. Total rainfall levels: 10.09 inches in Canton, 8.08 inches in Bryant, and 7.05 inches in London Mills.

NWS, Lincoln, August 13-15, 2026: Central Illinois Flash flooding.

McLean County - August 13: Confirmed 67 mph wind gusts; more than 24,000 customers lost power; Rainfall reached 8.88 inches in Bloomington and flooding recorded on Sugar Creek and Little Kickapoo Creek toward Hayworth.

WCBU Peoria; WGLT live blog; NWS Lincoln, August 13-15, 2026: Central Illinois Flash flooding.

Tazewell County – August 13-15: NWS Lincoln's 72-hour rainfall recurrence interval about one in 1000 years. Total rainfall levels: 11.5 inches in Tremont, 9.56 inches in Hopedale, and 6.23.-6.45 inches in Pekin.

NWS, Lincoln, August 13-15, 2026: Central Illinois Flash flooding.

Vermilion County – August 13-15: Rainfall in Danville: 8.75, 8.22, 8.21 inches at 3 gauges and 9 inches at Collison.

NWS, Lincoln, August 13-15, 2026: Central Illinois Flash flooding.

Will County - August 11: 3 confirmed tornadoes including EF-1 at Wilmington; EF-1, 7.6-mile path near New Lenox at McKenna (95 mph); and an EF-2, with a 25.8-mile path starting near Frankfort, IL and extending to Crown Point, IN (115 mph). Wind Gusts measured 91 mph near McKenna and 96 mph near Shorewood. Tree, power line, and structural damage recorded in Plainfield, Bolingbrook, Joliet, Crete, Frankfort, New Lenox, Homer Glen, and Lockport.

NWS Chicago, August 11, 2026: Powerful Morning Derecho.

Statewide Coordination and Recovery Efforts

All eight impacted counties identified above were proclaimed disasters under Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations of August 18, 2026, and September 2026. The Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations activated the State Emergency Operations Plan and State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), directing the IDOT, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) to support local governments.

The Proclamations opened the State Disaster Response and Recovery Fund to pay for response and recovery activities and the Community Development Block Grant providing the opportunity for counties to receive a grant up to \$250,000 (non-HUD entitled local governments) for debris removal and infrastructure repair. The IEMA-OHS Voluntary Agency Liaison and Illinois VOAD are coordinating mass care, donations management, and recovery case work alongside SEOC partners.

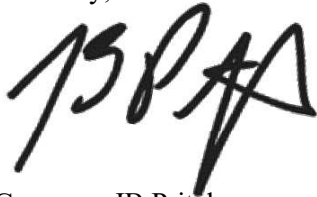
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA)

Federal, State, and local officials conducted a JPDA for this disaster in the eight impacted counties. The detailed results, per county damage figures, and Individuals and Households Program (IHP) cost tables

supporting both the IA and PA requests are provided in Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance and Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance, respectively. The State affirms its 25% non-federal cost share commitment for other needs assistance. IEMA-OHS continues coordinating with FEMA Region 5 and SBA on a concurrent economic injury declaration.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. If you require additional information, please contact Gregory Nimmo, State Coordinating Officer, at gregory.nimmo@illinois.gov or 217-494-6084.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written in a stylized, cursive-like font.

Governor JB Pritzker

Attachment 1: Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations

Attachment 2: Cook County Proclamation

Attachment 3: McLean County Declaration

Attachment 4: Will County Declaration

Attachment 5: City of Bloomington Declaration

Attachment 6: City of Canton Declaration

Attachment 7: City of Cuba Declaration

Attachment 8: City of Paxton Declaration

Attachment 9: Town of Normal Declaration

Attachment 10: Village of Minier Declaration

Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance

Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance

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FEMA Form 010-0-13 Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs



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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

SEP 15 2026

IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

GUBERNATORIAL DISASTER PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has experienced record-breaking weather patterns of severe storms generating tornadoes, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, hail, and straight-line winds that have caused widespread damage and destruction; and,

WHEREAS, in 2026, the State of Illinois has led the nation in tornadoes with an approximate 210 tornadoes thus far verified by the National Weather Service; and,

WHEREAS, these multiple rounds of severe storms, some as recent as mid to late August, have delayed recovery and required continuous activation of emergency measures and resources across Illinois and, in particular, in the Counties of Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the affected communities. These communities continue recovering from the devastating tornadoes and severe storms and will do so for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, local resources and capabilities in the affected counties and communities have been exhausted, and State resources are needed to assist responding to and recovering from the effects of these storms including protecting public health and safety and lessening or averting the threats of more severe and lasting harm; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, pursuant to the executive authority vested in me by the Illinois Constitution and laws, and in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster continues to exist within the State of Illinois and specifically declare each of these counties a disaster area: Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will.

Section 2: IEMA-OHS is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan and coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

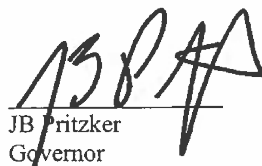
Section 3: The Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall assist local governments with response and recovery efforts as appropriate. All other State agencies are directed to collaborate with IEMA-OHS to identify and enable capabilities for disaster response and recovery activities.

Section 4: To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code, Joint Purchasing Act, and State Property Control Act that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 5: To aid with disposal of debris caused by these severe storms, including but not limited to the use of incineration devices, all statutory and regulatory provisions that require permitting or licensing that in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 6: This proclamation can facilitate requests for federal and State disaster assistance as identified by the State agencies. To aid with recovery efforts, provisions of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) and regulations promulgated thereunder that in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law.

Section 7: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.



JB Pritzker
Governor

Date: September 15, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

OMB Control Number 1660-0009
Expires 06/30/2026

1. Request Date Sep 15, 2026

Burden Disclosure Notice

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.

State of Illinois

2b. Population (as reported by 2020 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s).

6,601,389

3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name

JB Pritzker

4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Greg Nimmo (217)-494-6084

5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Theodore Berger 217-441-1099

6. Declaration Request For: ☒ Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)

☐ Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Aug 11, 2026 End Date Aug 16, 2026 or ☐ Continuing

If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Drought ☐ Earthquake ☐ Explosion ☐ Fire ☒ Flood ☐ Hurricane ☐ Landslide ☐ Mudslide
Severe Storm
☒ (rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning) ☐ Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) ☒ Straight-Line Winds
☐ Tidal Wave ☒ Tornado ☐ Tropical Depression ☐ Tropical Storm ☐ Tsunami ☐ Volcanic Eruption ☐ Winter Storm
☐ Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

From August 11-16, 2026, a continuous severe weather system brought a derecho, multiple tornadoes, and record rainfall to Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will Counties, Illinois. It caused widespread wind damage, flooding, and power outages, including tornado damage in Cook and Will counties and rainfall in Fulton and Tazewell counties at roughly a 1-in-1000-year rate. Preliminary damage assessments confirm 4,519 residential structures damaged statewide, including 46 destroyed, 936 with major damage and one fatality. Uninsured loss exposure ranges from 31.6% to 48.6% by county, driven largely by flood insurance coverage below 1% in most affected counties. Local, state, and nonprofit resources have been exceeded; Federal assistance is needed. Additional details are in the closed governor's cover letter and supporting enclosures.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations of August 18, 2026 activated the State EOP and SEOC, directing IDOT, Illinois EPA, DCEO, and IEMA-OHS to support local governments. The State has committed \$2.16M for personnel, expertise, and equipment; \$100K for SEOC activation; and \$1.5M in CDBG Disaster Response Funds across six non-HUD entitlement counties for debris removal and infrastructure repair. Affected counties and municipalities have issued local declarations and committed personnel and equipment. The Red Cross and Illinois VOAD are supporting mass care, donations, and case work. The State affirms its 25% non-federal cost-share for PA and ONA. Additional detail is in the enclosed Governor's cover letter.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

☒ Individual Assistance Dates Performed **Requested** Aug 26, 2026 **Start** Aug 31, 2026 **End** Sep 4, 2026

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
None reported, however, the JPDA represents a proportional damage assessment in urban densely populated areas. The overall damages will grow from these areas. All areas within the eight affected counties were accessible for the Individual Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted August 31-Sept 4, 2026

☒ Public Assistance Dates Performed **Requested** Sep 2, 2026 **Start** Sep 3, 2026 **End** Sep 14, 2026

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
None reported. All areas within the eight affected counties were accessible for the Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted September 2–September 14, 2026.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance ☐ N/A ☐ Individuals and Households Program ☐ Crisis Counseling Program ☐ Disaster Unemployment Assistance

☒ All ☐ Disaster Case Management ☐ Disaster Legal Services ☐ Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).
All Individual Assistance programs (Individuals and Households Program, Crisis Counseling Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Disaster Case Management, Disaster Legal Services, and SBA Disaster Assistance) are requested for all eight affected counties: Cook, Champaign, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).
None. There are no federally-recognized Tribes located within the eight requested counties.

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

**Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request*

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance ☐ N/A ☒ Debris Removal (Category A) ☒ Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) ☒ Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Public Assistance is requested for all eight affected counties: Cook, Champaign, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will. Requested categories of work are Debris Removal (Category A), Emergency Protective Measures (Category B), and Permanent Work (Categories C-G) for all eight counties. No category-of-work variation by jurisdiction is anticipated at this time.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).
None. There are no federally-recognized Tribes located within the eight requested counties.

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

☐ I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold ☒ harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

☒ I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

☐ I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

☒ N/A ☐ I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* ☒ Statewide

OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.
Requesting Hazard Mitigation statewide.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date 9/29/2028

b. Type of Plan

☐ Enhanced☒ Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

☐ I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies☒ I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal AgenciesPlease see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

☒ I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Aug 18, 2026 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

☒ Cover Letter ☐ Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)*☐ Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*☒ Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)☐ Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)☒ Additional Supporting Documentation Attachments 1-10 and OMB No. 1660-0009/FEMA Form 010-0-13


Governor or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

9/15/2026

Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

ENCLOSURE A

Supplemental information for Individual Assistance

State of Illinois: Request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Disaster: August 11-16, 2026

Requested Programs: Individual assistance (IA), including the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), crisis counseling program, disaster case management, disaster unemployment assistance, and disaster legal services.

1. Individual Assistance (IA) Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA)

The Individual Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) for this event covered eight Illinois counties: Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion and Will.

2. IHP Cost to Capacity Ratio (ICCR) Calculator Analysis

The ICCR analysis covers August 11-16, 2026, Illinois severe storm and flood events. FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP) cost calculator estimates a combined IHP cost of \$19,546,660.33. Using Illinois' total taxable resources, this produces a combined IHP cost of capacity (ICC) ratio of 16.68, placing the event within FEMA's ICC ratio band of 10 to 25, at the IHP cost estimate greater than \$7.5M level.

3. Estimated cost for individuals and households program. IHP assistance.

County	Strom Cost	Flood Cost	Combined Cost
Champaign County	\$135,002.67	\$202,015.69	\$337,018.36
Cook County	\$9,855,870.42	\$1,403,377.49	\$11,259,247.91
Ford County	\$346,326.17	\$682,087.82	\$1,028,413.99
Fulton County	\$796,835.33	\$790,565.04	\$1,587,400.37
McLean County	\$1,630,048.84	\$1,094,200.70	\$2,724,249.54
Tazewell County	\$276,430.66	\$447,960.68	\$724,391.34
Vermilion County	\$176,941.56	\$148,071.44	\$325,013.00
Will County	\$1,413,357.96	\$147,567.86	\$1,560,925.82
WIDE TOTAL	14,630,813.61	\$4,915,846.72	\$19,546,660.33

4. August Storm Damage Totals - Home Damage Assessments

County	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total
Champaign County	0	17	34	12	63
Cook County	34	431	1,195	988	2,648
Ford County	0	80	43	74	197
Fulton County	1	139	66	67	273
McLean County	2	149	235	247	633
Tazewell County	1	51	38	44	134
Vermilion County	3	18	24	12	57
Will County	5	51	251	207	514
STATEWIDE TOTAL	46	936	1,886	1,651	4,519

5. State Fiscal Capacity and Resource Availability - 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(b)(1)

As calculated in the ICCR analysis above, IHP cost to capacity ratio of 16.68 falls within FEMA's 10 to 25 matrix band. Damage from this event exceeds the state capacity to respond without federal assistance.

As of 9/14/26, the State estimates the following resources committed in direct response to this event:

- State Disaster Recovery Fund: \$160,000 for state personnel and technical expertise and equipment deployments across the affected counties
- CDBG Disaster Response Funds: \$1.5M covering six non-Hud entitlement counties
- IDOT Funds: \$1.9M for debris management
- SEOC Activation: \$100,000 to support state and county response and recovery efforts

6. Uninsured Home and Personal Property Losses - 44 CFR § 206.48(b)(2)

Uninsured loss exposure ranges from 31.6% in Ford County to 48.6% in Cook County. Flood insurance penetration is below 1% in most counties, leaving basement inundation and stormwater backup losses largely uninsured.

Local Declaration Status and Uninsured Loss Exposure.

County	Local Declaration	Uninsured Share	VOAD/VAL
Champaign	N/A	46.4%	Red Cross/State VOAD
Cook	County Board, Flossmoor	48.6%	Red Cross/State VOAD/Local LTRG
Ford	Paxton	31.6%	Red Cross/State VOAD
Fulton	Canton, Cuba	35.0%	Red Cross/State VOAD
McLean	County Board, Bloomington & Normal	40.5%	Red Cross/State VOAD
Tazewell	Minier	33.1%	Red Cross/State VOAD
Vermilion	N/A	37.9%	Red Cross/State VOAD
Will	N/A	33.8%	Red Cross/State VOAD/Local LTRG

Flood Insurance Penetration and Owner Occupancy Rate

County	Flood Insurance Penetration	Owner-Occupancy Rate
Champaign	1.59%	54.0%
Cook	0.95%	57.7%
Ford	0.00%	72.3%
Fulton	0.00%	76.6%
McLean	0.16%	65.1%
Tazewell	0.75%	78.4%
Vermilion	8.93%	70.2%
Will	0.20%	82.8%

7. Disaster Impacted Population Profile - 44 CFR § 206.48(b)(3)

Vulnerability varies by county. Language access is a particular concern in Cook (35.8% LEP) and Will (22.4% LEP) counties. Elderly populations exceed 20.0% of the population in Ford (22.7%), Fulton (23.7%), Tazewell (21.7%), and Vermilion (22.0%), populations that typically have reduced capacity for self-recovery without federal support. Disability rates range from 6.4% in Cook to 11.6% in Fulton County.

County	Poverty Rate	65+ Population	LEP (language other than English at home)	Disability Rate (under 65)
Champaign	18.8%	15.1%	19.0%	7.5%
Cook	13.5%	16.0%	35.8%	6.4%
Ford	9.3%	22.7%	4.2%	11.4%
Fulton	14.0%	23.7%	2.5%	11.6%
McLean	11.6%	16.8%	9.7%	7.2%
Tazewell	8.3%	21.7%	2.4%	8.3%
Vermilion	17.3%	22.0%	3.9%	10.0%
Will	7.7%	16.7%	22.4%	6.9%

8. Impact Community Infrastructure - 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(b)(4)

The storm system caused widespread disruption to transportation and utility infrastructure across the affected counties, including the Illinois Route 9 closure in Ford County, ComEd outages across Northern Illinois, and power loss in McLean County, along with extensive tree, power line, and structural damages in Cook and Will counties. Estimated repair costs for damaged public infrastructure by county are detailed in the joint PDA results and the IHP cost tables above.

9. Casualties - 44 CFR § 206.48(b)(5)

One confirmed fatality within the incident: a 17-year-old in Champaign County (Rantoul), killed in a flood related vehicle accident.

10. Disaster Related Unemployment - 44 CFR § 206.48(b)(6)

Assessments are ongoing. Verified data is not yet available.

11. Cumulative Effect of Recent Disasters - 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(b)(1)(ii)(B)

Four of the eight counties have federal Major Disaster Declaration history under the Stafford Act. Cook County received Individual Assistance under DR-4728-IL (June 29-July 2, 2023, declared August 15, 2023) and DR-4749-IL (September 17-18, 2023, declared November 20, 2023). Cook,

Fulton, and Will counties received Individual Assistance under DR-4819-IL (July 13-16, 2024, declared September 20, 2024, for severe storms, tornadoes, straight line winds, and flooding). Champaign, Ford, McLean, and Tazewell have no major FEMA disaster declaration in recent years; all four were SBA EIDL eligible under a 2021 declaration (McLean as the primary county), and Tazewell was separately EIDL eligible as the contiguous county under DR-4819-IL.

ENCLOSURE B

Supplemental information for Public Assistance

State of Illinois: Request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Disaster: August 11-16, 2026

Requested Programs: Public Assistance (PA), including categories A-G, for the eight counties identified below.

1. Public Assistance (PA) Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA)

The Public Assistance Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) for this event covered eight Illinois counties: Champaign, Cook, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will. This JPDA was conducted virtually. FEMA did not perform in-person site inspections; all damage was validated through remote review of submitted documentation from applicants.

2. Estimated Cost of Assistance – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(1)

Damage in Illinois from this event exceeds both FEMA's statewide per capita indicator (\$1.94, effective incidents on or after October 1, 2025; Illinois' 2020 census population of 12,812,508 yields a statewide threshold of approximately \$24.9M) and the countywide per capita indicator of \$4.86. The validated statewide PA damage total currently stands at \$27,599,185, for a statewide per capita impact of \$5.95, which exceeds FEMA's statewide indicator.

Due to time constraints, PA validation has been conducted entirely virtually, as counties continue recovery operations (including debris management due to the severity of the disaster impact), and continue to collect local documentation for eligible disaster recovery costs. As such, the State requests that FEMA conduct an in-person PA eligibility review, particularly in Cook County, before making a final determination on this declaration factor.

Under FEMA's "75% test", the combined validated damage among counties that meet the county indicator must equal at least 75% of the statewide threshold of \$24,856,266, which is \$18,642,199. Currently, four of the eight counties independently exceed the \$4.86 county per capita indicator: Will, McLean, Vermilion, and Fulton. The combined validated total is \$11,301,579.

Cook County's current validated PA damage is \$16,054,901, or \$3.04 per capita, 63% of Cook County's threshold target. The State believes an in-person eligibility review would validate additional eligible costs that bring Cook County above its full county threshold, which would raise the combined qualifying State total above the \$18,642,199 required.

County	2020 Census Population	Validated PA Damage	PA Damage Per Capita (\$)	Meets \$4.86 Threshold?
Champaign	205,865	\$12,088.91	\$.06	No
Cook	5,275,541	\$16,054,901.32	\$3.04	No
Ford	13,534	\$13,651.49	\$1.01	No
Fulton	33,609	\$1,761,409.42	\$52.41	Yes
McLean	170,954	\$4,819,316.72	\$28.19	Yes
Tazewell	131,343	\$0	\$0	No
Vermilion	74,188	\$424,125.89	\$5.72	Yes
Will	696,355	\$4,296,727.29	\$6.17	Yes
Statewide Total	6,601,389	\$27,599,185	\$5.95	Statewide Indicator Met

3. Localized Impacts – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48 (a)(2)

Per 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(2), FEMA is required to consider concentrated local impact of this kind, recognizing that severe damage in specific areas can justify a declaration on its own, even where the statewide per capita indicator is not met. This event meets that standard and supports a PA declaration under this factor, regardless of the statewide average.

Damage from this event is concentrated, not evenly spread. Northern Illinois lost power to more than 400,000 customers from the August 11-16 storms alone. Fulton and Tazewell counties experienced rainfall that was estimated to be a 1,000-year event. McLean County experienced a confirmed 67 mph downburst that cut power to over 24,000 customers. Will County recorded an EF-2 tornado. Cook County accounts for a disproportionate share of the statewide PA damage total.

4. Insurance Coverage in Force – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(3)

As shown in the flood insurance penetration data submitted under Individual Assistance Declaration Factor 2 (Enclosure A), coverage is minimal statewide, so uninsured losses will not be offset by private insurance recovery in these counties.

5. Hazard Mitigation – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(4)

All eight counties have mitigation projects completed, underway, or pending with FEMA. Champaign has two RFIs in process: a hazard mitigation plan update and a residential floodplain elevation. Cook County leads with 20 active projects including building code improvements, a pump station generator, drainage, streambank stabilization, and flood

studies, plus several Municipal Water Reclamation District (MWRD) infrastructure projects; many Cook municipalities have applied in past cycles without being selected. Ford has one awarded hazard mitigation plan update. Fulton has two: a completed plan and pending Bethel Road culvert sub-application. McLean has four, including two completed plans and a stormwater initiative. Tazewell and Vermilion each have one planned project. Will has two: a plan update and an acquisition/demolition sub-application.

Counties across the state submit mitigation applications, disaster or not. Cook has submitted the largest volume; however, not every project is selected. Non-selection is due to funding and selection limits and not a lack of effort. This pattern holds statewide. The State will pursue Section 404 HMGP funding through this declaration to build on this work and cut future risk in the affected counties.

6. Recent Multiple Disasters – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(5)

Cook, Fulton, and Will counties have received federal Major Disaster Declarations within the past three years (DR-4728-IL, DR-4749-IL, DR-4819-IL), leaving less local funding, staff, and equipment available to respond to this event without federal support. See the Cumulative Effect of Recent Disasters section of Enclosure A for a full declaration history by county.

7. Programs of Other Federal Assistance – 44 C.F.R. § 206.48(a)(6)

State anticipates the following additional federal assistance programs may support recovery from this event, separate from and in coordination with this public assistance and individual assistance request:

- **USDA Farm Service Agency:** Emergency Conservation Program (farmland debris/erosion repair), Emergency Loan Program for affected producers
- **HUD:** Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) supplemental appropriations, separate from FEMA's PA/IA programs
- **Small Business Administration:** Economic Injury and Physical Disaster loans for business and individuals

Enclosure C:

Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

State anticipates coordination with the following other federal agency programs in support of recovery from the August 11-16, 2026, Illinois storms:

- **US Small Business Administration (SBA)**
 - SBA disaster loan assistance is anticipated for businesses, homeowners, and renters in the 8 affected counties, Cook, Champaign, Ford, Fulton, McLean, Tazewell, Vermilion, and Will, with uninsured or underinsured property losses. The State will coordinate with the SBA on eligibility for a physical disaster declaration and, if warranted, economic injury disaster loan eligibility.
- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
 - If a major disaster declaration is granted, the State anticipates pursuing CDBG DASH disaster recovery funding for unmet housing and infrastructure needs not covered by FEMA or insurance.
- **U.S. Department of Agricultural (USDA)**
 - The State anticipates coordinating with the USDA on emergency Agricultural Assistance, potentially the Emergency Conservation Program, Emergency Watershed Protection Program, and a secretarial disaster designation for agricultural losses from the storm event.