Critical Needs Assistance

FEMA may provide financial assistance to Hurricane Ian applicants who have immediate or critical needs because they are displaced from their primary dwelling.

Immediate or critical needs are lifesaving and life-sustaining items, including water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, diapers, consumable medical supplies, durable medical equipment, personal hygiene items and fuel for transportation.

Critical Needs Assistance is a one-time \$700 payment per household.

Applicants may be eligible for Critical Needs Assistance if they:

- Complete a FEMA application.
- Provide identity verification.
- Note in their application they have critical needs and request financial assistance.
- Have a pre-disaster primary residence located in an area designated for Critical Needs Assistance. In Florida, that includes residents of Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Osceola, Sarasota, Seminole, and Volusia counties.

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