## APPLY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE HURRICANE KATRINA FACT SHEET

Persons Displaced by Hurricane Katrina from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana & Mississippi

## TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-800-362-FEMA (3362) TTY FOR HEARING/SPEECH IMPAIRED: 1-800-462-7585

Please be prepared to give your Social Security number and describe your losses.

Assistance for Individuals and Households: May include cash grants for individuals or households.

- Housing Assistance
  - Lodging expenses reimbursement (for a hotel or motel)
  - Rental assistance (cash payment for a temporary rental unit or a manufactured home)
  - Home repair cash grant
  - Home replacement cash grant
  - Permanent housing construction in rare circumstances
- Other Needs Assistance
  - Medical, dental, funeral costs
  - Transportation costs
  - Other disaster-related needs

**Unemployment Benefits:** Disaster Unemployment assistance and unemployment insurance benefits may be available through the state unemployment office and supported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

**Low-Interest Loans:** Most, but not all, federal assistance is in the form of low interest loans to cover expenses not covered by state or local programs, or private insurance. People who do not qualify for loans may be able to apply for a cash grant.

## Illinois Department of Human Services 1-800-843-6154

## American Red Cross National Assistance Link (by County) 1-866-GET-INFO