



MEMORANDUM

FROM: Renee Gavin, Muskegon County Emergency Services Manager

DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

RE: Results of State Declaration and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Request

Muskegon County Declaration of Emergency Request to the State of Michigan

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the Governor's Office denied a request for a State of Disaster or State of Emergency. Although this incident caused damage, the impacts on the jurisdiction were not severe enough to warrant a disaster or emergency declaration under the Michigan Emergency Management Act (1976 PA 390, as amended).

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

On Thursday, June 27, 2024, volunteers organized by Muskegon County Emergency Management conducted five days of initial local damage assessment. Based on the results, the Muskegon County Emergency Manager and Michigan State Police Emergency Management requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) conduct joint preliminary damage assessments.

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Michigan State Police Emergency Management, and Muskegon County Equalization conducted joint preliminary damage assessments. Due to the two severe storm systems in Muskegon County. The required threshold for SBA to make federal disaster loan programs available to businesses, citizens, and nonprofits within an impacted community is at least 25 properties that have experienced an uninsured physical loss of 40% or more of the full market value of the real estate or personal property. Below are the final damage assessment results from SBA:

- Major designation (at least 40% uninsured damages): 4 properties
- Minor designation (less than 40% uninsured damages): 76 properties

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division notified Muskegon County Emergency Management that Muskegon County did not meet the required threshold. Therefore, federal funding through the SBA was denied. Most properties assessed were insured, which is reassuring for the recovery efforts of impacted households. However, insured properties are not eligible to meet the SBA threshold.

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