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ICYMI: State announces new residential assistance program to provide relief funds for homeowners hit by severe storms and flash flooding in August

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Albany, N.Y., November 2--The state today announced \$13 million is available for restoration and recovery efforts following the severe storms and flash flooding on August 13-15 that severely impacted communities in the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions.

"Extreme weather is the new normal in New York and it's critical that we build more resilient communities to withstand this reality," Governor Cuomo said. "This funding will help ensure families across the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes that were hit hard by recent storms and flash flooding have the resources they need to rebuild stronger and safer than before."

Senator Tom O'Mara said, "The August flooding destroyed homes, businesses, personal property and local infrastructure, and it has put enormous strain and stress on local governments, individuals, and entire communities. We have appreciated the deployment of state resources, including emergency responders and equipment, Department of Transportation and other work crews, and health care professionals to assist our local first responders. This critical funding will make a great difference to local homeowners and entire communities to assist the ongoing restoration and recovery efforts."

A new residential assistance program has been created to provide funding to primary homeowners whose damages exceed insurance claims and other available aid. With maximum grants of \$50,000, this program will help eliminate the unmet need of homeowners. The program will be administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, and assistance will be provided in Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Delaware and Chenango counties.

The grants can go toward reimbursements to support repairs to and restoration of structures, and other physical damage required for safety and habitability, including foundations, heating systems, electric systems, wells and septic systems, insulation, and flooring.

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