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## State Program to Help Flood Victims

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Yesterday, Governor Cuomo announced a \$16 million Flood Recovery Program to assist homeowners, small businesses, and farms in areas hardest hit by recent flooding. Many people will not be able to return to their homes due to extensive damage, and others face substantial rebuilding costs that are not covered by insurance. Unfortunately, the financial and property loss from the floods is below the amount that triggers federal FEMA and other federal assistance.

To meet local needs, the Flood Recovery Program is intended to provide immediate assistance to address gaps in coverage for affected homeowners, business owners, and farms, with Madison and Oneida counties each receiving \$3 million in aid. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to help flood victims get the assistance they need.

For additional information on the NYS Flood Recovery Program, and application materials, please visit [www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-Flood](http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-Flood). Affected homeowners, businesses, and farms can also call the NYS Flood Helpline at 1-888-769-7243 for information on how to receive assistance under the NYS Flood Recovery Program. The NYS Flood Helpline is available from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.