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**Counties, state await FEMA Decisions on disaster aid**

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Use the article titled: Counties, state await FEMA decisions on disaster aid

1. Define the term FEMA.
2. How many counties in Illinois are applying for federal reimbursement costs?
3. What was the cause of the disaster in Illinois for which our state is seeking the disaster assistance?
4. When does a county qualify for public assistance?
5. What grants are covered by individual assistance?
6. When might Illinois determine if they will receive assistance?
7. When did Illinois last receive federal assistance?
8. Reflect on the article about assistance. Give reasons you think Illinois will or will not qualify for this assistance. Include other events that might qualify for assistance over the Illinois issue, as well as reasons you think Illinois should receive this assistance.

ANSWER KEY:

1. Define the term FEMA. *(Federal Emergency Management Agency)*
2. How many counties in Illinois are applying for federal reimbursement costs? *(thirty-two (32))*
3. What was the cause of the disaster in Illinois for which our state is seeking the disaster assistance? *(Flooding in the spring of 2019)*
4. When does a county qualify for public assistance? *(when local governments has exhausted available resources and seek reimbursement)*
5. What grants are covered by individual assistance? *(Uninsured or under insured individuals, families, businesses and non-profits organizations are eligible for financial relieve and various assistance including housing, medical and mental health, as well as legal help. These groups are eligible to apply for up to $31,500 in low-interest loans and grants)*
6. When might Illinois determine if they will receive assistance? *(Illinois doesn’t know when it will find out if federal help is needed. The federal agency has no timeline to rule on the issue.)*
7. When did Illinois last receive federal assistance? *(Northern Illinois last received federal assistance in the spring of 2013)*
8. Reflect on the article about assistance. Give reasons you think Illinois will or will not qualify for this assistance. Include other events that might qualify for assistance over the Illinois issue, as well as reasons you think Illinois should receive this assistance. *(Answers will vary, but wildfires, flooding and even the recent hurricane could divert funds that could come to Illinois. It would also be interesting to gain student perspective of the state versus federal programs)*