

Ida Relief Fund for Excluded New Yorkers



Who is eligible?

In order to qualify, you must meet both of the following criteria: 1) you must live in Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, the Bronx, Westchester, Long Island, or Rockland and 2) you must be **ineligible** for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program because your household does not include a U.S. citizen, green card holder, asylee, refugee or other qualifying immigration statuses.

Applicants must require financial assistance due to necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster. Business-related needs are not eligible for Financial Assistance.

What kind of support is available?

Financial assistance is available to help address the following needs and expenses:

- Hotels, motels, or other short-term lodging while you were displaced from your home
- Rental costs for alternative housing
- Home repair, cleaning and removal services, and replacing personal property
- Funeral services
- Medical and dental care
- Childcare
- Moving, storage, and transportation/vehicle repair
- Critical needs such as water, food, first aid, personal hygiene

What kind of documentation is required?

You will need to provide proof of identity and proof of eligibility. Depending on the type of financial assistance you are applying for, you may also be required to provide documentation such as:

- Proof of occupancy at the time of the disaster (a signed lease, rent receipts, bills etc.)
- Photographs or videos of the damaged residence or personal property
- Receipts from hotels, or other short-term housing
- Medical bills and statements from your medical provider

How do I apply?

Please call **718-565-8500 ext. 5** and leave your name and number on the voicemail to be screened for eligibility by a staff member at Make the Road. If you are eligible, an advocate will contact you to assist in filling out an application.

I'm not eligible— how can I get help?

If you are not eligible for this program because you **are** eligible for FEMA assistance, please visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> to apply or call 1-800-621-3362. You can also visit this site for more resources: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/ida.page>