

The Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph

Disaster Relief Program

CAPSTJOE's disaster relief program can assist households in Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton and Dekalb County that have been affected by flooding. Funds are available to assist income qualifying individuals with housing related expenses, to include rental arrears/payments and deposits, utility arrears/payments and deposits, and hotel expenses if necessary. CAPSTJOE can also assist with home repairs for damages caused by flooding, for owner-occupied dwellings.

Affected individuals are encouraged to call CAPSTJOE at 816-233-8281 for more information or to set up an application appointment; we will also accept applicants on a walk-in basis, via our Main Office location at 817 Monterey, St. Joseph. The office is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 5:30pm. We can also be reached after hours via our facebook page.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must have been residing in Buchanan County at the time the disaster occurred.
- Household income must be below 100% of the Area Median Income; see attached chart.
- Applicant must meet one of the following housing statuses:
 - o Literally Homeless
 - o Imminent Risk of Homelessness
 - o Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

Documentation Required

- Photo ID for all members of the household age 18 and over
- Social security cards/numbers for all members of the household
- Income verification for all household members age 18 and over
 - o Pay stubs from previous 30 days, SSI/SSDI award letter/print out, child support statement, EBT statement for TANF
 - o Employer verification may be utilized only if the information above is unattainable.

Eligible Activities

1. Housing Assistance
 - o Funds may be used to assist with various types of housing related expenses; to include rental deposits/payments/arrears, utility deposits/payments/arrears, hotel/motel vouchers.
2. Home Repairs/Modifications
 - o Funds may be used to address damages to owner-occupied, single-family properties damaged by storms or flooding.
 - o Eligible uses include: costs to meet local codes, remediation of environmental hazards, accessibility improvements, energy improvements, septic repair/replacement, repair/replacement/upgrades to existing wells, soft costs, agency inspections, contractor requirements.

Please feel free to contact our staff at 816-233-8281 with any additional questions.