

Tornado Recovery Assistance Available Through Multiple Organizations

ST. LOUIS – City of St. Louis residents impacted by the May 16th tornado have several ways to connect with resources and assistance this coming week as the City of St. Louis and its partners expand opportunities.

Disaster Assistance Center - Week Two

Monday welcomes the second week of the Disaster Assistance Center at the Chaifetz Arena. The DAC will run Monday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 18, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Residents can enter through Gate C on the northeast corner of the arena. Appointments are highly recommended and can be made online at stlouis-mo.gov/tornado/dac or by calling 211. Walk-ins are welcome. If you choose to walk in, arriving in the afternoon may decrease your wait time to speak with vendors.

The DAC helped more than 1,200 households connect with area resources in its first week.

Home Again: Rehousing Recovery Fair

On Tuesday, June 17, dozens of housing vendors will be on site at the DAC to participate in the Home Again: Rehousing Recovery Fair, organized by the St. Louis Housing Authority. The fair runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and residents seeking housing are encouraged to register online. Additional information is available at slha.org/home-again-rehousing-recovery-fair/. Two additional housing fairs are scheduled for July 10 and August 5, with locations and times to be announced.

FEMA Assistance / SBA Low-Interest Loans

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration have both responded to St. Louis following the Federal Disaster Declaration by President Donald J. Trump last Monday.

Residents impacted by the May 16 tornado can contact FEMA to apply for assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621-3362, or by downloading the FEMA app through Google Play and the Apple App Store. Once an application is submitted, a FEMA representative may contact you to discuss your application and schedule an inspection of the property listed in the application. For residents who have applied, FEMA representatives may call from an unknown number, so it is important to answer the phone.

SBA has opened a Business Recovery Center (BRC) to assist small businesses, private nonprofit (PNP) organizations and residents affected. Located at the St. Louis Community College - Harrison Education Center at 3140 Cass Avenue, Room #104, the BRC will have customer service representatives available to answer questions and assist with the disaster loan application process. No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are welcome. Those who prefer to schedule an in-person appointment in advance can do so at appointment.sba.gov. The center's hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Those impacted by the May 16th tornado and seeking assistance through FEMA or SBA should apply before the August 11, 2025, deadline.

Request for Proposals Released

The City of St. Louis released three Requests for Proposals in response to the recovery efforts from the May 16th tornado. The RFPs are the following:

- General Contractor Services for Emergency Stabilization of Tornado-damaged Residential Buildings
- Program Management Services for Emergency Stabilization of Tornado-damaged Residential Buildings
- Request for Proposals for Destruction of Water Taps for up to 50 Residential Buildings

Companies interested in reviewing the requirements and applying for the RFPs can view all documentation on the City of St. Louis' Supply Division website, <u>stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/supply</u>.

For more updates follow:

The City of St. Louis Tornado Recovery website, stlouis-mo.gov/tornado.