

# Help for Private Roads and Bridges from FEMA and SBA



FEMA

If your privately owned road or bridge was damaged or destroyed by Connecticut's severe storm, flooding, landslides and mudslides on August 18-19, 2024, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may be able to provide financial assistance for replacement or repairs.

To qualify, you must have owned and occupied your home at the time of the disaster, and a FEMA inspection must determine that repairs are necessary for a vehicle to access the property. In addition, you must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- The road or bridge is the only access to the property.
- No one can access the home due to damaged infrastructure.
- The safety of the occupants could be adversely affected because emergency services vehicles cannot reach the residence.

To apply, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), download the [FEMA App](#) or call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

SBA disaster loans may also be able to help. FEMA grants and SBA loans work together to repair damage and advance your recovery. Businesses, some nonprofits – including associations – homeowners and renters may be eligible for a low-interest disaster loan to repair or replace uninsured private roads, bridges and retaining walls.

For more information about the SBA, call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services) or email [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov).

