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Instructions for Determining Priority 5: Disaster Declaration

To achieve Priority 5 (35 ILCS 31/20(a)(5)), the structure must be located in an area declared under the federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as an Emergency Declaration (pursuant to Title V of the Act) or Major Disaster Declaration (pursuant to Title IV of the Act). The declaration must be no older than 3 years at the time of application. As a result of the Major Disaster Declaration on August 15, 2023 (updated on September 15, 2023)¹, the Major Disaster Declaration on November 20, 2023², and the Major Disaster Declaration on September 20, 2024³, **buildings in the following Illinois counties qualify for Priority 5 for application Round 1, 2026:**

Christian (through 9/15/26)
Clark (through 9/15/26)
Coles (through 9/15/26)
Cook (through 9/20/27)
Cumberland (through 9/15/26)
De Witt (through 9/15/26)
Douglas (through 9/15/26)
Edgar (through 9/15/26)
Fulton (through 9/20/27)
Hancock (through 9/15/26)
Henry (through 9/20/27)
Macon (through 9/15/26)
McDonough (through 9/15/26)
Monroe (through 9/15/26)
Morgan (through 9/15/26)
Moultrie (through 9/15/26)
Pike (through 9/15/26)
Sangamon (through 9/15/26)
Scott (through 9/15/26)
St. Clair (through 9/20/27)
Vermilion (through 9/15/26)
Warren (through 9/15/26)
Washington (through 9/20/27)
Will (through 9/20/27)
Winnebago (through 9/20/27)

The SHPO has already determined whether your project meets Priority 5 in this application round; please [refer to this list](#). If you disagree with our determination, please contact us at SHPO.StateCredit@illinois.gov by March 4, 2026.

¹ Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4728>

² Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4749>

³ Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4819>