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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 Emergency Declaration on December 13, 2021¹, the Major Disaster Declaration on October 14, 2022², the Major Disaster Declaration on August 15, 2023 (updated on September 15, 2023)³, and the Major Disaster Declaration on November 20, 2023⁴, **buildings in the following Illinois counties qualify for Priority 5 for application Round 1, 2024:**

Bond (through 12/13/24)
Cass (through 12/13/24)
Christian (through 9/15/26)
Clark (through 9/15/26)
Coles (through 9/15/26)
Cook (through 11/20/26)
Cumberland (through 9/15/26)
De Witt (through 9/15/26)
Douglas (through 9/15/26)
Edgar (through 9/15/26)
Effingham (through 12/13/24)
Fayette (through 12/13/24)
Hancock (through 9/15/26)
Jersey (through 12/13/24)
Macon (through 9/15/26)
Macoupin (through 12/13/24)
Madison (through 12/13/24)
McDonough (through 9/15/26)
Menard (through 12/13/24)
Monroe (through 9/15/26)
Montgomery (through 12/13/24)
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)
Shelby (through 12/13/24)

¹ Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3577>

² Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4676>

³ Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4728>

⁴ Source: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4749>

St. Clair (through 10/14/25)
Vermilion (through 9/15/26)
Warren (through 9/15/26)
Washington (through 9/15/26)

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 20, 2024.