



FEMA

SEP 26 2023

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York
Executive Chamber
Albany, New York, 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

This is in response to your July 14, 2023, request to designate the Individual Assistance program under major disaster FEMA-4723-DR that was declared for the State of New York on July 22, 2023. You specifically requested the Individuals and Households Program including Other Needs Assistance, Disaster Case Management, and Disaster Legal Services under the Individual Assistance program for the counties of Ontario and Orange.

During the period of July 20 to August 2, 2023, joint federal, state, local, Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted in the counties of Ontario and Orange. Based on our review of all of the information available, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households from this event was not of such severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance under FEMA-4723-DR. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for Individual Assistance is denied.

FEMA's Region II Regional Administrator will communicate any additional resources that may be available through Other Federal Agencies and/or volunteer organizations to address unmet needs for survivor assistance. In addition, FEMA will coordinate with the State of New York to identify additional damage information to support an appeal if necessary.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to me through David S. Warrington, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region II, located at One World Trade Center, 285 Fulton Street, 52nd Floor, New York, New York 10007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Bink", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anne Bink
Associate Administrator
Office of Response and Recovery