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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Housing Assistance for Flood Victims

Lycoming County residents affected by the October flooding may be eligible for assistance with housing needs through two recently released funding sources.

Lycoming County is partnering with STEP Inc. to assist homeowners who have been negatively affected by the County declared disaster. The Lycoming County Supportive Housing Program (SHP) is available to qualified residents who have been displaced from their homes and need assistance paying either their rent or mortgage while the home is being repaired.

Additionally, the Lycoming County Homes in Need – Flood Recovery Program can assist qualified flood victims with repairs to make their homes habitable. Eligible homes must be primary residences. Flood victims who can return to their homes but need to complete mechanical, electrical, shell or heating system repairs can be referred to the program.

Locally catastrophic flash flooding impacted Lycoming County on Friday, October 21, 2016 as a result of Doppler-estimated 6 to 10 inches of rainfall along the Loyalsock Creek and Lycoming Creek watersheds.

For further information, interested homeowners should contact Josh Schnitzlein at [jschnitzlein@lyco.org](mailto:jschnitzlein@lyco.org) or 570-320-2133.

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