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People still in need of assistance following floods may be eligible for local support

ARENAC COUNTY – If you were impacted by the May 2020 flood events in Arenac County and are still in need of assistance, there is a form online that you should fill out. Please complete this form online available at <https://bit.ly/ArenacRecovery> by February 26, 2021. This assistance includes help with FEMA and/or Small Business Association Appeals; Primary Home Rehabilitation and Construction; Emergency Services; and more.

If you need help completing this online form, please call Ashley Sweet, CHW at Sterling Area Health Center, 989-654-2491, ext. 2026.

"People who have damage to their homes as a result of the May 2020 flood events should fill out this form so that we can begin the process of assessing what needs are still out there," said Shara Klenk, Arenac County Case Manager. "We are very thankful to the volunteers, members, agencies, and donors who continue to assist in this process to help Arenac County residents recover from this disaster."

Once this intake form has been completed, you will be contacted by case manager, Shara Klenk or intern, Gina Augugliaro for further assessment. If you are in need of immediate assistance, please call Shara Klenk at 989-529-6513.

Funding support is provided by many organizations, businesses, and individuals, and locally administered by the Arenac Community Fund and Bay Area Community Foundation.

The Arenac Long Term Recovery Group is a cooperative body that helps assist individuals and families as they recover from the 2020 flooding disaster and foster future community resilience. The group meets every Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom. To stay informed on the Arenac Long Term Recovery Group, [please like us on Facebook \(@ArenacLTRG\)](#).

Would you like to be a part of the Long Term Recovery Group? Anyone is welcome to join as a partner, member, or volunteer.

"Everyone brings their own skills to the LTRG, and we invite any individual or group to bring their skills to the table," said Stephanie Buffman, the group's chairperson.

If you are interested in contributing to the group, please contact Stephanie at sbuffman@michworks4u.org.

CUTLINE: Rifle River waters rise during the May 2020 flooding event. This aerial footage captured the flooding at Russell Canoe Livery in Omer. If you still have damage as a result of the flood events, please fill out the assessment form or call for more assistance. Photo by Trevor Habermehl, Autonomy Drone Services.