- (iv) Eligible individuals or households may receive up to \$5,000 under this paragraph, adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI, to repair damages to their primary residence without first having to show that the assistance can be met through other means, except insurance proceeds.
- (v) The individual or household is responsible for obtaining all local permits or inspections that applicable State or local building codes may require.
- (3) Replacement. FEMA may provide financial assistance under this paragraph to replace the primary residence of an owner-occupied dwelling if the dwelling was damaged by the disaster and there was at least \$10,000 of damage (as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI). The applicant may either replace the dwelling in its entirety for \$10,000 (as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI) or less, or may use the assistance toward the cost of acquiring a new permanent residence that is greater in cost than \$10,000 (as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI). All replacement assistance awards must be individually approved by the Assistant Administrator for the Disaster Assistance Directorate. The Assistant Administrator for the Disaster Assistance Directorate may approve replacement assistance for applicants whose damages are less than \$10,000 in extraordinary circumstances where replacement assistance is more appropriate than other forms of housing assistance.
- (4) Permanent housing construction. FEMA may provide financial or direct assistance to applicants for the purpose of constructing permanent housing in insular areas outside the continental United States and in other remote locations when alternative housing resources are not available and the types of financial or direct temporary housing assistance described at paragraph (b)(1) of this section are unavailable, infeasible, or not cost-effective.
- (c) Eligible costs. (1) Repairs to the primary residence or replacement of items must be disaster-related and must be of average quality, size, and capacity, taking into consideration the needs of the occupant. Repairs to the primary residence are limited to res-

- toration of the dwelling to a safe and sanitary living or functioning condition and may include:
- (i) Repair or replacement of the structural components, including foundation, exterior walls, and roof;
- (ii) Repair or replacement of the structure's windows and doors;
- (iii) Repair or replacement of the structure's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System:
- (iv) Repair or replacement of the structure's utilities, including electrical, plumbing, gas, water and sewage systems;
- (v) Repair or replacement of the structure's interior, including floors, walls, ceilings, doors and cabinetry;
- (vi) Repair to the structure's access and egress, including privately owned access road and privately owned bridge;
- (vii) Blocking, leveling, and anchoring of a mobile home, and reconnecting or resetting mobile home sewer, water, electrical and fuel lines and tanks; and
- (viii) Items or services determined to be eligible hazard mitigation measures.
- (2) Replacement assistance, will be based on the verified disaster-related level of damage to the dwelling, or the statutory maximum, whichever is less.
- (3) Permanent housing construction, in general, must be consistent with current minimal local building codes and standards where they exist, or minimal acceptable construction industry standards in the area, including reasonable hazard mitigation measures, and federal environmental laws and regulations Dwellings will be of average quality, size and capacity, taking into consideration the needs of the occupant.

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## § 206.118 Disposal of housing units.

- (a) FEMA may sell housing units purchased under §206.117(b)(1)(ii), Temporary housing, direct assistance, as follows:
  - (1) Sale to an applicant.
- (i) Sale to the individual or household occupying the unit, if the occupant lacks permanent housing, has a site that complies with local codes and ordinances and part 9 of this Title.
- (ii) Adjustment to the sales price. FEMA may approve adjustments to the

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sales price when selling a housing unit to the occupant of a unit if the purchaser is unable to pay the fair market value of the home or unit and when doing so is in the best interest of the applicant and FEMA.

- (iii) FEMA may sell a housing unit to the occupant only on the condition that the purchaser agrees to obtain and maintain hazard insurance, as well as flood insurance on the unit if it is or will be in a designated Special Flood Hazard Area.
  - (2) Other methods of disposal:
- (i) FEMA may sell, transfer, donate, or otherwise make a unit available directly to a State or other governmental entity, or to a voluntary organization, for the sole purpose of providing temporary housing to disaster victims in major disasters and emergencies. As a condition of the sale, transfer, or donation, or other method of provision, the State, governmental entity, or voluntary organization must agree to:
- (A) Comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5151; and
- (B) Obtain and maintain hazard insurance on the unit, as well as flood insurance if the housing unit is or will be in a designated Special Flood Hazard Area.
- (ii) FEMA may also sell housing units at a fair market value to any other person.
- (b) A unit will be sold "as is, where is", except for repairs FEMA deems necessary to protect health or safety, which are to be completed before the sale. There will be no implied warranties. In addition, FEMA will inform the purchaser that he/she may have to bring the unit up to codes and standards that are applicable at the proposed site.

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## § 206.119 Financial assistance to address other needs.

(a) Purpose. FEMA and the State may provide financial assistance to individuals and households who have other disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs. To qualify for assistance under this section, an applicant must also:

- (1) Apply to the United States Small Business Administration's (SBA) Disaster Home Loan Program for all available assistance under that program; and
- (2) Be declined for SBA Disaster Home Loan Program assistance: or
- (3) Demonstrate that the SBA assistance received does not satisfy their total necessary expenses or serious needs arising out of the major disaster.
- (b) Types of assistance. (1) Medical, dental, and funeral expenses. FEMA may provide financial assistance for medical, dental and funeral items or services to meet the disaster-related necessary expenses and serious needs of individuals and households.
- (2) Personal property, transportation, and other expenses.
- (i) FEMA may provide financial assistance for personal property and transportation items or services to meet the disaster-related necessary expenses and serious needs of individuals and households.
- (ii) FEMA may provide financial assistance for other items or services that are not included in the specified categories for other assistance but which FEMA approves, in coordination with the State, as eligible to meet unique disaster-related necessary expenses and serious needs of individuals and households.
- (c) Eligible costs—(1) Personal property. Necessary expenses and serious needs for repair or replacement of personal property are generally limited to the following:
  - (i) Clothing;
- (ii) Household items, furnishings or appliances;
- (iii) Tools, specialized or protective clothing, and equipment required by an employer as a condition of employment:
- (iv) Computers, uniforms, schoolbooks and supplies required for educational purposes; and
- (v) Cleaning or sanitizing any eligible personal property item.
- (2) Transportation. Necessary expenses or serious needs for transportation are generally limited to the following:
- (i) Repairing or replacing vehicles;