§ 700.189 Expenditure of replacement home benefits.

Replacement home benefits shall be expended or obligated in full at or before the time of original acquisition except as stated below. It is not anticipated that such exceptions would be common and each such instance shall be reviewed and a determination will be made by the Certification Officer.

(a) Under unusual circumstances such as: Unknown (latent) defects in the replacement dwellings, significant change of circumstances and extreme hardship, benefits may be expended after the time of original acquisition up to the existing maximum replacement home benefit.

(b) All replacement home benefits shall be expended not later than one (1) year after the date of payment of the incentive bonus, except under unusual circumstances as stated above, up to the statutory maximum.

(c) Replacement home benefits shall not be expended for maintenance except under unusual circumstances as stated above, up to the statutory maximum.

(d) For purposes of this paragraph, the time of original acquisition shall be defined as the date of execution of the Commission’s Relocation Contract.

Subpart F—Incidental Expenses
§ 700.195 General.

Incidental expenses are those reasonable expenses, as determined by the Commission, to be incidental to the purchase of the replacement dwelling, but not prepaid.

§ 700.197 Basic eligibility requirements.

A certified eligible head of household is eligible for reimbursement of expenses that are incidental to the purchase of a replacement dwelling, as provided in §700.199 hereof.

§ 700.199 Incidental expenses.

(a) Eligible costs. Subject to the limitations in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the incidental expenses to be paid are those actually incurred by the displaced person incident to the purchase of the replacement dwelling, including—

1. Legal, closing, and related costs, including those for title search, preparing conveyance instruments, notary fees, preparing plats, recording fees, and title insurance;
2. Lender, FHA or VA appraisal fees;
3. FHA or VA application fee;
4. Certification of structural soundness when required by the lender;
5. Credit report;
6. Owner’s and mortgagee’s evidence or assurance of title;
7. Escrow agent’s fee;
8. State revenue or documentary stamps, sales or transfer taxes;
9. Such administrative costs as are necessary to secure and acquire home-site leases and/or allotments on tribal lands. These costs may include survey fees, appropriate tribal fees and other conveyance instruments as may be appropriate;
10. Costs, such as advertising charges, incurred incident to the purchase of the improvements owned by the head of household.
11. Cost related to fee inspector’s inspections of the replacement dwelling.
12. Such other costs as the Commission determines to be incidental to the purchase.

(b) Truth in lending charge. Any expense, which is determined to be part of the debt service or finance charge under 15 U.S.C. 131–1641 and Regulation Z (12 CFR part 226) issued thereunder by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, is not eligible for reimbursement as an incidental expense.

Subpart G—Assistance Payments (Incentive Bonus)
§ 700.205 Eligibility requirements.

A certified eligible head of household is eligible for the assistance payment pursuant to section 14(b) of the Act.

(a) Amount of payment. The amount of payment shall be computed in accordance with the schedule provided for in section 14(b) of the Act.

(b) Date for determination of amount of assistance payment. The date of completion and filing with the Commission of the Application for Relocation Assistance and Agreement to Relocate shall