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TITLE: Individuals and Households Program (IHP) – Minimum Award(s)

PURPOSE: To establish national policy concerning the minimum award(s) to be provided under the Individuals and Households Program.

SCOPE AND AUDIENCE: This is a national policy to be implemented in all disasters declared after the effective date of this policy. All personnel are directed to follow these procedures.

REFERENCE: Section 408(i) of the Stafford Act, Rules and Regulations, stipulates that FEMA shall prescribe rules and regulations to carry out the section, including criteria, standards, and procedures for determining eligibility for assistance.

POLICY: Although numerous instances of minimal damage may cause some inconvenience for applicants, it is reasonable to expect that applicants will address those losses without the benefit of supplementary Federal assistance.

FEMA has determined that applicants who have sustained a total of \$50 or less of disaster-related habitability repairs under IHP's Housing Assistance (HA) provision have been minimally affected by the declared incident and are thus ineligible for HA.

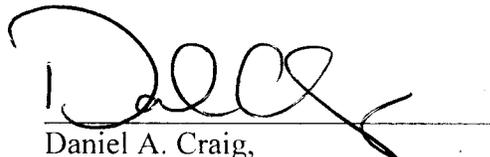
FEMA has also determined that applicants who have sustained a total of \$50 or less of disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs under IHP's Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision have been minimally affected by the declared incident and are thus ineligible for ONA.

AUTHORITIES: Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288 as amended.

ORIGINATING OFFICE: Recovery Division, Emergency Preparedness and Response

REVIEW DATE: Three (3) years from date of adoption.

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