



RECOVERY POLICY

- I. **TITLE:** **Generator Reimbursement**
- II. **DATE OF ISSUANCE:** FEB 06 2014
- III. **PURPOSE:** This policy establishes criteria for the reimbursement of generator costs under the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision of the Individuals and Households Program (IHP).
- IV. **SCOPE AND EXTERNAL AUDIENCE:** This policy applies to all major disasters declared on or after the date of issuance in Section II of this policy. It will be used by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other personnel involved in the administration of IHP. It is intended to provide guidance regarding generator reimbursement to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and recipients of assistance under IHP.
- V. **AUTHORITY:** Section 408(e) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5174(e); 44 C.F.R. § 206.113; 44 C.F.R. § 206.119).
- VI. **POLICY:**
 - A. This policy will be implemented when the state has approved generators for inclusion as a "Miscellaneous" expense line item under the ONA provision of the IHP. In addition to the eligibility requirements for IHP, the following criteria will apply to generators:
 1. The generator is purchased or rented due to an event that results in an emergency or major disaster declaration by the President. For the purpose of this policy, the qualifying incident period for the event starts at the date the Governor declared a state of emergency and ends at the closure of the incident date published by FEMA in the Federal Register, or the date power is restored to the applicant's dwelling, whichever occurs first. Expenses incurred for generators purchased or rented outside the established timeframe are not eligible for reimbursement; and
 2. The applicant's dwelling is located in a declared area designated for Individual Assistance; and
 3. The generator is purchased or rented to power a medically-required piece of equipment, to include medically-required refrigerators; and
 4. The applicant provides proof-of-purchase or rental receipts for the generator; and
 5. The applicant provides proof that the piece of equipment is required for medical purposes (e.g., letter from physician stating that the applicant/occupant has a medical need for the equipment).
 - B. If the preceding criteria are verified, then the cost of the generator will be reimbursed up to the prevailing retail or rental rate, identified by FEMA, for a 5.5 kw-sized generator.
 1. The reimbursement of rental cost is limited to the period that the generator was rented until commercial power was restored to the dwelling.

2. The reimbursement of rental cost will not exceed established retail purchase pricing guidelines for a 5.5 kw generator.

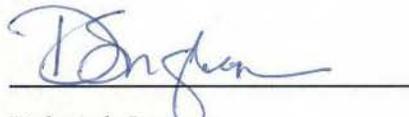
C. The Joint Field Office is responsible for providing officially verified commercial outage/restoration information (i.e., dates that affected areas were without power and restoration dates) to the National Processing Service Center.

D. The Assistant Administrator of the Recovery Directorate may waive one or more eligibility criteria during extraordinary circumstances (e.g., sustained power outage during a period of sub-freezing temperatures), when determined to be in the public interest.

VII. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: Recovery Directorate, Individual Assistance Division.

VIII. SUPERSESION: This policy supersedes interim Recovery Policy 1002.1, titled "*Generator Reimbursement*" dated June 1, 2006, and all previous guidance on this subject.

IX. REVIEW DATE: It is FEMA policy to review policies and reissue, revise, or rescind the policy within three years of the date of issuance.



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