



# FEMA

# Fact Sheet

## CORA BROWN FUND

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The purpose of the Cora Brown Fund is to help provide for disaster-related needs that have not or will not be met by governmental agencies or any other organization, which has programs to address such needs. The Cora Brown Fund is for survivors of presidentially declared major disasters or emergencies not caused by or attributable to war. Disaster survivors do not apply for assistance from the fund; instead, they are identified and recommended by a FEMA Regional Director or his/her representatives, with assistance from other governmental agencies and voluntary disaster agencies.

### BACKGROUND ON CORA BROWN FUND

Cora C. Brown of Kansas City, Missouri died in 1977 leaving a portion of her estate to the United States to be used as a special fund solely for the relief of human suffering caused by natural disasters. FEMA uses these funds under the authority of Section 701(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.

### GENERAL CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE

**Disaster-related home repair and rebuilding assistance:** Money to families for permanent housing purposes, including site acquisition and development, relocation of residences out of hazardous areas, assistance with costs associated with temporary housing or permanent re-housing (e.g., utility deposits, access, transportation, connection of utilities, etc.)

**Disaster-related unmet needs:** Money for needs such as health and safety measures; evacuation costs; assistance delineated in the Stafford Act or other Federal, State, Tribal, local, or volunteer programs; hazard mitigation or floodplain management purposes; and assistance to self-employed persons (with no employees) to re-establish their businesses.

**Other services:** Money for services that alleviate human suffering and promote the well-being of disaster survivors (e.g., services to the elderly, children, or handicapped persons, such as transportation, recreational programs, provision of special ramps, or hospital or home visiting services). The funds may be provided to individual disaster victims or to benefit a group of disaster victims.

For additional information please call the FEMA Disaster Helpline at **1-800-621-FEMA**.  
Hearing/speech impaired, please call **TTY 1-800-462-7585**.

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