Individual Assistance Program and Policy Guide (IAPPG)

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

*What happened after the IAPPG comment period?*
Comments were adjudicated, finalized, and FEMA is notifying stakeholders about the release of the final document.

*When will the final IAPPG be published?*
The final IAPPG will be published on March 1, 2019.

*How often will the IAPPG be updated?*
FEMA will conduct a comprehensive review of the guidance no less than every three years. If FEMA determines it necessary to publish new or updated policy language before the next scheduled update, FEMA will update the electronic version of this document and issue a memorandum describing the additions or updates.

*What is difference between the IAPPG and the IPHUG?*
IAPPG includes clarifications, additions, and updates to the IHPUG, along with additional stand-alone IA policies. Some information users will find in the IAPPG include:

- Updates and clarification of IHP eligibility requirements
- Delegation of authorities for certain decisional program extensions
- Clarifies specific application processes and program requirements
- Establishes guidance, and updates eligibility criteria for temporary housing and rental assistance options

*What is included in the IAPPG?*
Below is a table of contents and brief overview for each chapter of the IAPPG.

Chapter 1: Introduction
- This chapter describes the presidential declaration process, introduces the types of assistance available under FEMA’s Individual Assistance Programs, describes program delivery considerations, and explains the federal cost share.

Chapter 2: Mass Care/Emergency Assistance
- This chapter discusses the role of Mass Care/Emergency Assistance, including its primary activities, Transitional Sheltering Assistance, the Rapid Temporary Repair program, and the National Mass Care Exercise.

Chapter 3: Individuals and Households Program (IHP)
- This chapter provides an overview of the Individuals and Households Program, including conditions of eligibility, for each type of IHP Assistance available under the Housing
Assistance and Other Needs Assistance provisions of IHP, including financial and direct assistance. This chapter also addresses the recovery of IHP Assistance that was improperly awarded or obtained through fraudulent means.

Chapter 4: Disaster Case Management

- This chapter provides an overview of the Disaster Case Management federal award program, including conditions of eligibility, pre- and post-award requirements, and closeout.

Chapter 5: Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) Guidance

- This chapter provides an overview of the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program, including both the Immediate Service Program (ISP) and Regular Service Program (RSP).

Chapter 6: Disaster Legal Services

- This chapter discusses the Disaster Legal Services federal award program, including the period of assistance, partner organizations, conditions of eligibility, and delivery of services.

Chapter 7: Disaster Unemployment Assistance

- This chapter discusses the Disaster Unemployment Assistance federal award program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor with funding from FEMA.

Chapter 8: Voluntary Agency Coordination

- This chapter discusses the role of the Voluntary Agency Coordination Section and the responsibilities of FEMA’s Voluntary Agency Liaisons in both declared and non-declared disasters.