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PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN SHELTERS

Overview

This fact sheet clarifies the eligibility of personal assistance services in congregate and transitional shelters under the Category B, Emergency Protective Measures provision of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance and Fire Management Assistance Grant Programs. FEMA will reimburse eligible applicants' reasonable costs associated with the provision of personal assistance services for persons with disabilities in general population congregate and non-congregate (e.g., Transitional Sheltering Assistance) shelters.

The Public Assistance Program, Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, and Applicants for Public Assistance grants must abide by all applicable authorities, including: the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101, *et seq.*; 28 CFR Part 35 (Title II, Department of Justice); the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121, *et seq.*; and 44 CFR Parts 204 and 206. Applicants should also consult the FEMA *Public Assistance Guide* (FEMA 322), dated June 2007; FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy DAP9523.15, *Eligible Costs Related to Evacuations and Sheltering*, dated April 6, 2007; FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy DAP9521.3, *Private Nonprofit (PNP) Facilities Eligibility*, dated July 18, 2007; and FEMA Recovery Policy RP9525.7, *Labor Costs-Emergency Work* dated November 16, 2006, to determine eligibility requirements.

FEMA has established an Office on Disability Integration and Coordination and a Disability Integration Specialist position in every Region. They can be contacted at the following email address: Fema-Disability-Integration-Coordination@dhs.gov.

Public Assistance Eligibility

Eligible applicants include State, local, and tribal governments which provide personal assistance services in general population shelters (44 CFR §206.221 **Definitions**, §206.222 **Applicant Eligibility**, and 44 CFR §204.41 **Applicant Eligibility**). State, local, and tribal governments may provide

