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Re: Proposed Rule Comments

This is in response to the FEMA published proposed rule for the Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households Program. The state has reviewed the proposal and has decided to choose Option # 3 (State administers and FEMA assists in processing). In addition, we have made the following comments/recommendations:

- Supplementary info (page 3415) - Disagree with elimination of GFIP as an eligible item under the grant. GFIP has been the fairest & most reliable means of providing assistance to disaster victims while maintaining the need for a grant recipient's responsibility for self-protection if he continues to reside in a special flood hazard area. Why change it?
- 206.108 (b) (2)(iv) - There should be one cap of \$10,000 for repairs or replacement. The current cap on repairs under the Temporary Housing program is \$10,000. There is no reason to lower the amount unless the CPI declines.

Sincerely,

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