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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Updates to Public Assistance Per Capita Indicators and Project Thresholds and Maximum Amounts of Assistance under the Individuals and Households Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate annual fiscal year (FY) 2027 updates to the Public Assistance per capita indicators and project thresholds and the maximum amounts of assistance under the Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

Public Assistance Per Capita Indicators and Project Thresholds

Attached for your information and dissemination are copies of the Federal Register Notices announcing the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of the statewide and countywide per capita impact indicators and the increase of the maximum amount of Small Project Grants and minimum amount that will be approved for any Project Worksheet under the Public Assistance program.

Specifically, the following indicators and project thresholds are adjusted annually to reflect changes in the CPI for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor:

- Statewide per capita impact indicator (under 44 C.F.R. § 206.48)
  - Increases from $1.94 to $2.01
- Countywide per capita impact indicator (under 44 C.F.R. § 206.40(b))
  - Increases from $4.86 to $5.03
- Maximum Public Assistance Small Project Grant amount (under Section 422 of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act, Public Law 113-2)
  - Increases from $1,093,800 to $1,130,900
- Minimum Public Assistance Project Worksheet (PW) amount (under 44 C.F.R. § 206.202(d)(2))
  - Increases from $4,100 to $4,300

These changes reflect an increase in the CPI of 3.4 percent for the 12-month period that ended August 2026. These changes to the statewide and countywide per capita impact indicators will apply to disasters with an incident start date on or after October 1, 2026. The changes to the maximum amount of Small Project Grants and minimum amount that will be approved for any Project

Worksheet under the Public Assistance program will apply to major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2026.

Maximum Assistance under IHP

Attached for your information and dissemination is a copy of the Federal Register Notice announcing the annual CPI adjustment of the maximum amounts of financial assistance that may be provided to an individual or household under IHP for any single emergency or major disaster declared on or after October 1, 2026. Section 408 of the Stafford Act prescribes that FEMA must annually adjust the maximum amount for assistance provided under IHP.

The maximum amount of assistance increases for both Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance are statutorily separate and equivalent under Section 408 of the Stafford Act. The maximum amount of assistance for both Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance increased from $44,800 to $46,400. The adjustment is based on an increase in CPI of 3.4 percent for the 12-month period that ended August 2026.

Award Amount for Serious Needs Assistance under IHP

Attached for your information and dissemination is a copy of the Federal Register Notice announcing the annual CPI adjustment of the award amount for Serious Needs Assistance provided under IHP for any single emergency or major disaster declared on or after October 1, 2026. The award amount for Serious Needs Assistance increased from $790 to $820. The adjustment is based on an increase in CPI of 3.4 percent for the 12-month period that ended August 2026.

IHP Cost Calculator

In addition to updates to the PA PCI and IHP maximum amount, FEMA is also updating the IHP Cost Calculator. This calculator provides an estimate for the overall cost of Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance under the IHP Program for FY2027. The 2027 update improves the method for estimating IHP award amounts based on damages identified during PDAs. The updated calculator, an associated fact sheet, and other helpful reference data can be found at fema.gov/pda.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Conway, Director, ORR Policy and Doctrine at (202-256-2690) or Dean Webster, Chief, Declarations Section, ORR at (202-646-2833).

Attachments (7)
Notice of Adjustment – Statewide Per Capita Indicator
Notice of Adjustment – Countywide Per Capita Indicator
Notice of Adjustment – Maximum Public Assistance Small Project Grant Amount
Notice of Adjustment – Minimum Project Worksheet Amount
Notice of Adjustment – Maximum Amount of Assistance under IHP
Notice of Adjustment – Award Amount for Serious Needs Assistance under IHP
FY2027 Statewide Indicators based on 2020 Census