



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

To: State agencies and public housing authorities
Re: Grant request instructions for providing case management services under the DHAP-Katrina Transitional Closeout Plan

The Disaster Housing Assistance Program-Katrina (DHAP-Katrina) was established in September 2007 to provide temporary rental assistance to families impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Under this program, HUD and FEMA provided eligible families with rental assistance and case management services to support their transition from temporary to long term, sustainable housing.

DHAP-Katrina was scheduled to end on March 1, 2009. However, based on requests by the affected states for the extension of this program, HUD and FEMA agreed to provide Transitional Rental Payments (TRPs) on behalf of DHAP-Katrina families for an additional six month period under the DHAP-Katrina Transitional Closeout Plan. This assistance ends no later than August 31, 2009.

During this period, states may request a grant from FEMA to partner with a PHA in delivering case management services to all the DHAP-Katrina families receiving a TRP in the state. The objectives of these services are greater self-sufficiency and to help families find a permanent housing solution prior to August 31, 2009.

State governments interested in receiving a grant to provide case management services to this population should submit a formal request to FEMA. As part of the formal request, states must submit a proposal identifying the PHA partner that will be required to execute a DHAP-Katrina Transitional Closeout Case Management Grant Agreement. The formal request must include the following:

- a) The participating PHA that will partner with the state to provide services to eligible DHAP-Katrina participants.
- b) Copy of the DHAP-Katrina Transitional Closeout Case Management Grant Agreement signed by the participating PHA.
(available online at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/publications/dhapsecloseout.cfm>)
- c) Cost estimate for case management tracking and reporting software.

The state must make its request to Liz Gibson at liz.gibson@dhs.gov. The request must come from an executive agency at the state level.

Upon FEMA approval, HUD, on behalf of FEMA, will execute a grant agreement between the state's partner PHA and FEMA to provide case management services to all DHAP-Katrina families receiving a TRP in the state. In the event that a state requests to provide case management services, but is unable to identify a PHA partner, HUD can help identify a potential partner for the state.

If you have questions about this program and related funding request contact Shauna Sorrells at (202) 402-2769 or by email at Shauna.M.Sorrells@HUD.GOV. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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