

Housing Assistance Initiative Tribal Feedback Session

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Facilitated Feedback Discussion Topics

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Building State and Tribal Nation Housing Capacity

Introduction and Overview:

Building State and Tribal Nation Housing Capacity

The Building State and Tribal Nation Housing Capacity Working Group will focus on providing housing preparedness resources to our state and local partners.

The Working Group is developing various tools (i.e. exercise-in-a-box, planning guide, etc.) for States, Tribes and local partners and synchronizing housing assessment data from:

- Housing Core Capability Overview

- FEMA After Action Reports (AARs)

- Hurricane Matthew Summary of Findings

- Hurricane Matthew Housing Issue Paper

- Housing-related observations from state, tribal, and local after-action reports

Building Tribal Nation Housing Capacity

What are some of the key responsibilities tribes have or should have in supporting disaster housing?

How does tribal nation capacity impact the success of a tribal direct housing mission?

What unique situations need to be considered for a housing mission in your tribal nation?

What best practices can you share that you have worked with in the past?

Training

What are most significant housing-related training gaps?

What type of training would be helpful to provide to our tribal partners in terms of housing?

What other topics should we include in subsequent training that would build tribal capability?

Planning

What are most significant housing-related gaps in planning guidance?

What planning tools would be helpful in your tribe to help build capacity? (“exercise-in-a-box, direct housing guidance, IA program overview, checklists, etc.)

Recreation Vehicle (RV) Study



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Introduction and Overview: Recreation Vehicle (RV) Study Working Group

The goal is to evaluate the recreation vehicle industry, determine whether it presents feasible options for FEMA to employ for temporary transportable housing, and if so, develop courses of action for including feasible RVs in our suite of available THUs.

Outcomes:

Analysis of RV industry, market, and key products in collaboration with the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA)

Analysis of key programmatic and legal considerations for adopting RVs as part of FEMA's temporary housing/sheltering solution set

Recommended courses of action or decision points for adding RVs in FEMA's portfolio of housing/sheltering options

Considerations for RVs

What are the capabilities we need to consider when evaluating RVs for use as sheltering or temporary housing (i.e. maintenance, installation, recertification, etc.)?

What are the risks and rewards of using RVs as an option for disaster survivors (media, legal, logistics, equal access)?

What concerns would you have if RVs were used for temporary housing?

What is the culture around RVs in your tribe (e.g., who uses them, how often)?

Innovative Temporary Housing Solutions



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Introduction and Overview: Innovative Temporary Housing Solutions Working Group

The goal is to research and evaluate temporary housing solutions, identify feasible options for temporary housing, and make actionable recommendations.

Outcomes:

Conduct research and outreach with various academic institutions and external entities who may provide insights into potential nontraditional housing solutions.

Deliver a final report that documents temporary housing options and presents the most viable solutions.



Research Lines of Effort (1 of 2)

How should we address temporary housing needs in different geographic locations?

Should we consider short-term to long-term solutions that can become permanent solutions if necessary?

What is the minimum level of accommodations that a survivor should be expected to have in temporary housing?

What are types of temporary housing that we should consider in a catastrophic disaster?

Research Lines of Effort (2 of 2)

Academic Research

Which colleges, universities or research institutes should we talk to about innovative housing options?

Design Contests

Are there any specific design contests we should review that have already evaluated temporary disaster housing?

Direct Repair

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Introduction and Overview: Direct Repair Working Group

The purpose of the Direct Repair Analysis project is to:

- Evaluate FEMA's current capabilities for reducing the length of time disaster survivors are in shelters and assisting them with obtaining safe, secure, and functional housing by providing construction services directly to the affected survivor's pre-disaster residence;
- Identify opportunities within FEMA's current authorities to improve or expand these capabilities to produce better disaster survivor outcomes; and
- Develop courses of action for executing Direct Repair Services during the 2017 Hurricane Season, including estimated time and resource requirements.
- Identify the challenges, risks, and limitations of the Direct Repair programs.
- Determine the circumstances in which FEMA should authorize Direct Repair.

Direct Repair

Providing direct repairs as an alternative to temporary housing means survivors may need to stay in short – term solutions (ex: hotels) longer.

Is this an acceptable trade off?

Are there short – term solutions available within your tribal nation?

What is the minimum amount of repairs the government should provide? What is the most?

What is more important: providing the “bare minimum” repairs quickly or providing long lasting repairs, even if this takes longer?

Direct Repair

What role do tribes want to have in managing a federally supported direct repair program?

Do tribal governments have sufficient authorities to implement a federally supported direct repair program?

Does a direct repair program remain desirable if there is a cost share?

What types of technical assistance would a tribe want FEMA to provide (example: accessible home repairs to homes for survivors with disabilities)?

Thank you!

Other comments

Please send any additional comments/feedback to the project team at FEMA-housing-assistance-initiative@fema.dhs.gov