

subgrants will be covered by an allowance which is based on the following percentages of total net eligible costs under section 404 of the Stafford Act, for an individual applicant (applicants in this context include State agencies):

(A) For the first \$100,000 of net eligible costs, three percent of such costs.

(B) For the next \$900,000, two percent of such costs.

(C) For the next \$4,000,000, one percent of such costs.

(D) For those costs over \$5,000,000, one-half percent of such costs.

(2) *State management costs*—(i) *Grantee*. Except for the items listed in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, other administration costs shall be paid in accordance with 44 CFR 13.22. Costs of State personnel (regular time salaries only) assigned to administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program may be eligible when approved by the Regional Director. Such costs shall be shared in accordance with the cost share provisions of section 404 of the Act. For grantee administrative costs in the Disaster Field Office, the State shall submit a plan for the staffing of the Disaster Field Office within 5 days of the opening of the office. This staffing plan shall be in accordance with the administrative plan requirements of § 206.437. After the close of the Disaster Field Office, costs of State personnel (regular time salaries only) for continuing management of the hazard mitigation grants may be eligible when approved in advance by the Regional Director. The State shall submit a plan for such staffing in advance of the requirement.

(c) *Eligible indirect costs*—(1) *Grantee*. Indirect costs of administering the disaster program are eligible in accordance with the provisions of 44 CFR part 13 and OMB Circular A-87.

(2) *Subgrantee*. No indirect costs of a subgrantee are separately eligible because the percentage allowance in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section necessary costs of requesting, obtaining and administering Federal assistance.

#### § 206.440 Appeals.

An eligible applicant, subgrantee, or grantee may appeal any determination previously made related to an application for or the provision of Federal as-

sistance according to the procedures below.

(a) *Format and Content*. The applicant or subgrantee will make the appeal in writing through the grantee to the Regional Director. The grantee shall review and evaluate all subgrantee appeals before submission to the Regional Director. The grantee may make grantee-related appeals to the Regional Director. The appeal shall contain documented justification supporting the appellant's position, specifying the monetary figure in dispute and the provisions in Federal law, regulation, or policy with which the appellant believes the initial action was inconsistent.

(b) *Levels of Appeal*. (1) The Regional Director will consider first appeals for hazard mitigation grant program-related decisions under subparts M and N of this part.

(2) The Associate Director/Executive Associate Director for Mitigation will consider appeals of the Regional Director's decision on any first appeal under paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(c) *Time Limits*. (1) Appellants must make appeals within 60 days after receipt of a notice of the action that is being appealed.

(2) The grantee will review and forward appeals from an applicant or subgrantee, with a written recommendation, to the Regional Director within 60 days of receipt.

(3) Within 90 days following receipt of an appeal, the Regional Director (for first appeals) or Associate Director/Executive Associate Director (for second appeals) will notify the grantee in writing of the disposition of the appeal or of the need for additional information. A request by the Regional Director or Associate Director/Executive Associate Director for additional information will include a date by which the information must be provided. Within 90 days following the receipt of the requested additional information or following expiration of the period for providing the information, the Regional Director or Associate Director/Executive Associate Director will notify the grantee in writing of the disposition of the appeal. If the decision is to grant the appeal, the Regional Director will take appropriate implementing action.

(d) *Technical Advice.* In appeals involving highly technical issues, the Regional Director or Associate Director/Executive Associate Director may, at his or her discretion, submit the appeal to an independent scientific or technical person or group having expertise in the subject matter of the appeal for advice or recommendation. The period for this technical review may be in addition to other allotted time periods. Within 90 days of receipt of the report, the Regional Director or Associate Director/Executive Associate Director will notify the grantee in writing of the disposition of the appeal.

(e) *Transition.* (1) This rule is effective for all appeals pending on and appeals from decisions issued on or after May 8, 1998, except as provided in paragraph (e)(2) of this section.

(2) Appeals pending from a decision of an Associate Director/Executive Associate Director before May 8, 1998 may be appealed to the Director in accordance with 44 CFR 206.440 as it existed before May 8, 1998.

(3) The decision of the FEMA official at the next higher appeal level shall be the final administrative decision of FEMA.

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