**Intergovernmental Affairs Advisory**

 **FEMA POSTS DRAFT INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM UNIFIED GUIDANCE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**On June 15, 2016 FEMA posted the draft Individuals and Households Program Unified Guidance (IHPUG) to the**[**Federal Register**](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/06/15/2016-14118/individuals-and-households-program-unified-guidance)**for public comment.  The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial help or direct services to those who have necessary expenses and serious needs if they are unable to meet those needs through other means.  The IHPUG compiles FEMA policy for each type of assistance under the Individuals and Households Program into one comprehensive document and is intended to serve as a singular resource for states, tribal, territorial governments, and other entities who assist disaster survivors with post-disaster recovery.**

**Once finalized, the IHPUG will replace all stand-alone policies and policy statements currently located in FEMA documents and standard operating procedures; catalogue lessons learned from disaster operations and FEMA’s decisions as they relates to the IHP; and increase consistency, collaboration, and the sharing of knowledge. Changes and updates to FEMA policy detailed in the IHPUG address previous policy gaps, align policy with current regulations, and ensure consistency with delivery of all forms of assistance offered through IHP.**

**FEMA strongly encourages all comments from the public and emergency management community to be submitted. The draft language is posted to the**[**Federal Register**](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/06/15/2016-14118/individuals-and-households-program-unified-guidance)**, and will be available for comment until August 1, 2016.**

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