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New FEMA Thresholds and Indicators for Fiscal Year 2022

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The Stafford Act and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations require FEMA to adjust several programmatic thresholds and indicators each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The new Fiscal Year 2022 thresholds and indicators were published on November 15, 2021 and apply to all major disasters or emergencies declared on or after October 1, 2021.

- The threshold for Public Assistance **Small Projects** is \$139,800. Grants at or below this amount may use the simplified procedures found in section 422 of the Stafford Act.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/15/2021-24753/notice-of-adjustment-of-disaster-grant-amounts>
- The maximum amount of Individuals and Households Program (IHP) **financial assistance** provided to an individual or household for a single emergency or major disaster is \$37,900 for housing assistance (including **hazard mitigation**) and \$37,900 for other needs assistance. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. 61.17(c), this also increases the maximum amount of available coverage under any Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP) issued for an IHP recipient.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/15/2021-24755/notice-of-maximum-amount-of-assistance-under-the-individuals-and-households-program>
- The **Statewide Per Capita Impact Indicator** is \$1.63. Per 44 C.F.R. 206.48, when evaluating a governor's request for Public Assistance, FEMA applies this amount to the population of the state to measure the overall financial impact of a disaster.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/15/2021-24751/notice-of-adjustment-of-statewide-per-capita-impact-indicator>
- The **Countywide Per Capita Impact Indicator** is \$4.10. Per 44 C.F.R. 206.40(b), FEMA uses the countywide per capita indicator to evaluate the localized impact of a disaster at the county level.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/11/15/2021-24752/notice-of-adjustment-of-countywide-per-capita-impact-indicator>

Those interested in the Statewide Per Capita Indicator should also review FEMA's December 14, 2020 **Proposed Rule**, in which FEMA expressed its interest in raising the per capita indicator and the minimum threshold. FEMA took public comment on the proposed rule (many comments focused upon the timing of such a change in the midst of a pandemic) but has not issued a final rule implementing any change.

If you have questions or concerns related to FEMA assistance, please contact **Erin Greten** or any member of the **Baker Donelson Disaster Recovery Group**.