



## **FEMA Provides Payment of Housing Assistance Directly to Landlords**

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WASHINGTON , D.C. -- The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is expanding its program of paying assistance directly to landlords who are renting housing to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Providing payments directly to the landlords through the third party agent of Corporate Lodging Consultants (CLC), ensures prompt payments to the landlords, allows for better accountability by the federal government, and frees the applicant from having to make the payments themselves. Since early on in these disasters, FEMA has used CLC as an agent to make assistance payments for eligible applicants, and this process has proven very successful.

FEMA provides temporary housing assistance to victims of disasters under Section 408 of the Stafford Act. This includes assistance so that individuals and households who are disaster victims can lease existing housing units or receive mobile homes or travel trailers, located both in group-sites and on individually owned property.

The overall Temporary Housing Program for eligible applicants affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita was set to expire in late February and March, and was recently extended to August 31, 2007. As part of the extension, beginning March 1, 2007, for Katrina-affected families and April 1, 2007, for Rita-affected families, FEMA will continue to make assistance payments directly to landlords through CLC.

In order for those applicants impacted to continue to receive this FEMA assistance without an interruption, the applicant's landlord must sign up for direct payments through CLC. Both FEMA and CLC are working closely with applicants and landlords who may be impacted to educate them and ensure a smooth transition of the new payment procedures.

Individuals and families in FEMA's direct housing program, those in mobile homes and travel trailers, as well as those whose assistance payments are already being handled for them will not be affected.

Landlords can learn more about how easy the process is by calling 1-866-362-0742 or by visiting the CLC website at [www.corplodging.com/femadap](http://www.corplodging.com/femadap).

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.