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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANT BRIEFINGS SCHEDULED

Lacey, Wash. – The Washington Emergency Management Division's Public Assistance (PA) Program is assisting applicants for public assistance by providing applicant briefings for local governments and certain non-profit organizations that suffered damages from the recent storm damage in six counties. Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be available at the meetings.

Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties have been designated for Public Assistance under the Presidential Disaster Declaration of Dec. 8. The briefings are scheduled for Dec. 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2007. Applicants will be asked to identify the categories they are applying for on their Requests for Public Assistance.

The PA Grant Program is to provide assistance to states, local governments, and certain Non-Profit organizations to alleviate suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

The meetings will be conducted at the following sites, dates and times:

Monday, December 17

10:00 am	2:30 p.m.
Kitsap County	Thurston County
Kitsap County DEM	2424 Heritage Court SW, Suite A
911 Carver	(Regional Planning Conference Room)
Bremerton, Wash.	Olympia, Wash.
360-307-5870 (Emergency Management)	360-754-3360 (Emergency Management)

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 a.m.
Mason County
Mason County PUD#3 Auditorium, 307 W. Cota, Shelton, Wash., 360-740-1151 (EM)

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Wednesday, December 19

9:30 a.m.
Lewis County
Lewis County Fire District 6
2123 Jackson Highway
Chehalis, Wash.
360-748-6019 (fire station)

1:30 p.m.
Grays Harbor County
County Forestry Building
310 W. Spruce Street, Suite 212
Montesano, Wash.
360-249-3911 (Emergency Management)
360-740-1151 (Emergency Management)

Thursday, December 20, 2007

10:00 a.m.
Pacific County
Emergency Operations Center
Public Safety Building
300 Memorial Drive
South Bend, Washington
360-875-9340 (Emergency Management)

Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations.

The Federal share of assistance is not less than 75% of the eligible cost for emergency measures and permanent restoration. The grantee (usually the state) determines how the non-federal share (up to 25%) is split with the subgrantees (eligible applicants).

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

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