

PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY HOUSING GRANT AND MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY HOUSING GRANT

The strategic goal of the grants are : To ensure improved quality of household life following a disaster (as defined in the Disaster Management Act, 2002).

- **Definition of Disaster as per the Act** (“disaster” means a progressive or sudden, widespread or localised. natural or human-caused occurrence which
 - (a) causes or threatens to cause
 - (i) death, injury or disease;
 - (ii) damage to property, infrastructure or the environment; or
 - (iii) disruption of the life of a community; and
 - (b) is of a magnitude that exceeds the ability of those affected by the disaster to cope with its effects using only their own resources

The Grant Purpose is: To provide funding to provincial administrations/municipalities for provision of temporary shelter assistance to households affected by disasters.

The Outputs are

- Emergency and short term assistance to households affected and impacted by and/or disasters, through:
 - Provision of temporary shelter
 - Temporary relocation of households to safer accommodation and/ or shelter.

Province/municipality must submit an application to the National Department of Human Settlements within 14 days of the agreement by the **MEC/Mayor** that a housing emergency exists in terms of section 2.3.1 (a) and (b) of the Emergency Housing Programme

SECTION 2.3.1 DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY HOUSING CIRCUMSTANCES (Housing Code)

- This Programme will apply to emergency situations of exceptional housing need, such situations being referred to as “Emergencies”, as defined below:
- a) Have become homeless as a result of a declared state of disaster, where assistance is required, including cases where initial remedial measures have been taken in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) by government, to alleviate the immediate crisis situation;
- b) Have become homeless as a result of a situation which is not declared as a disaster, but destitution is caused by extraordinary occurrences such as floods, strong winds, severe rainstorms and/or hail, snow, devastating fires, earthquakes and/or sinkholes or large disastrous industrial incidents;
- The relevant Provincial Disaster Management Centre must be informed of the application
- Provincial Heads of Departments (HoDs)/ Municipal Manager must sign-off and confirm the information captured in application
- Applications for funding from this grant use the Emergency Housing Grant (EHG) application form which includes the following:
 - Details of the disaster, the impact thereof and number of temporary shelters required and the number of households affected;
 - Total funds required for disaster response;
 - Implementation plan ;
 - Summary of the projects;
 - Consolidated project cash flow over a two months’ period as an annexure to the implementation plan;
 - A copy of the Province/municipality emergency procurement policy.



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