

Four kinds of FEMA grants available

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers four kinds of grants to people who suffered serious earthquake losses.

The grants are as follows.

● **Disaster Housing Assistance Program:** FEMA may provide assistance for any individual or family whose residence has been made uninhabitable as a result of the earthquake. Assistance is in the form of funds to obtain alternate rental housing, or to make essential repairs that are required to make the residence habitable.

● **Individual and Family Grant Program:** Grants of up to \$10,400 are available to help eligible disaster victims meet serious disaster-related needs or necessary expenses that are not covered by other disaster assistance programs or insurance.

The grant program is administered by the state of California, with costs shared 75 percent by FEMA and 25 percent by the state. An additional grant of up to \$10,000 is available from the state to assist individuals and families with needs not met by the federal grant program.

● **Agricultural grants:** Farmers

and ranchers may apply for cost-sharing grants for emergency conservation programs, such as debris removal from crop and pasture lands, repairs to land and water conservation structures and permanent fencing. Further information is available from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, 1303 J St., Suite 300, Sacramento 95814. The phone number is (916) 551-1801.

● **Rural Renaissance Program:** The state Department of Commerce is providing grants and loans to the counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito for improvements of roads, storm drains, sidewalks and so on. These improvements must accommodate job creation or retention. Details are available at (916) 322-1398.