



San Joaquin County

Human Services Agency



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FEMA is the agency that assists you with the money to pay your permanent housing costs. In order for you to receive this assistance you **MUST** register with FEMA.



FEMA provides:



\$2000 Expediated Assistance – This money is for you to use on clothing, transportation, food, etc.



\$2358 Transitional Housing Assistance- **This money must be used for your permanent housing costs.**



Up to 12 or 18 months housing assistance – **To receive this assistance you must provide FEMA with receipts to verify that you spent the \$2358 on housing costs, a copy of your rental lease or contract and proof of utility costs, if the utilities are your responsibility.**



In addition FEMA may provide money to replace household items, vehicles, etc. – A determination of eligibility for this benefit is done on a case-by-case basis.



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San Joaquin County Human Services Agency will FAX or mail your receipts, rental leases, etc. to FEMA on your behalf. Please contact our staff at the telephone numbers listed below to schedule a time to bring this information to our office so that we may assist you.



Temporary housing assistance in hotels/motels is now being provided by FEMA. **This assistance is scheduled to end on December 1, 2005. It is important that you work with FEMA to get your benefits set-up so that you can move into permanent housing before temporary housing assistance ends.**



If you do not follow through to obtain the benefits you are entitled to receive from FEMA, you may find yourself without housing assistance.



Please contact 468-1926 or 468-1421 if you have questions.



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