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Part VIII, B.2 Small Impoverished Communities

Small and impoverished communities may receive a Federal cost share of up to 90 percent of the total amount approved under the Federal award to implement eligible approved activities in accordance with the Stafford Act. A small impoverished community must:

- ◆Be a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the Applicant as a rural community that is not a remote area within the corporate boundaries of a larger city or jurisdictional area or boundary
- ◆Be economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income, based on best available data. For the most current information on the national income, see <http://www.bea.gov>.
- ◆Have a local unemployment rate that exceeds by 1 percentage point or more the most recently reported, average yearly national unemployment rate. For the most current unemployment information, see <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm>.
- ◆Meet other criteria required by the Applicant

Applicants must certify and provide documentation of the community or jurisdictional status with the appropriate subapplication to justify the 90 percent cost share. If documentation is not submitted with the subapplication, FEMA will provide no more than the standard 75 percent of the total eligible costs.