



Generator Reimbursement

FEMA may provide financial assistance for personal property damage/losses and miscellaneous other expenses, as a direct result of a disaster, through the Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision of the Individuals and Households Program (IHP). Funds awarded for generator reimbursement are counted toward an applicant's IHP financial assistance limit for that disaster, which is an annually adjusted amount based on the Consumer Price Index.

FEMA cannot provide reimbursement for equipment paid for by another source, such as Medicare, Medicaid, or other types of insurance. Duplicate payments or reimbursements for assistance provided by insurance or any other source are prohibited by law.

Applicants who **owned** a generator prior to the disaster and was damaged as a result of the disaster:

- May be eligible to receive financial assistance to repair or replace the generator as a Personal Property ONA award.
- Are not required to show they have a verified medical need for the generator.

Applicants who purchase or rent a generator during the **Qualifying Incident Period** may be eligible to receive financial assistance for reimbursement as a Miscellaneous Other ONA award, if:

- The generator was purchased or rented due to a disruption in electrical utility service caused by a Presidentially-declared emergency or major disaster.
- The registered dwelling is the applicant's primary residence and is located in an area designated for Individual Assistance.
- Proof-of-purchase or rental receipts for the generator are within the applicant's file.
- The generator was purchased or rented to power a medically-required piece of equipment, including a medically-required refrigerator.
- A statement from a medical services provider is within the applicant's file, reflecting the generator is medically necessary.

The **Qualifying Incident Period** starts the date the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive declares a state of emergency and ends at the closure of the incident date, as published by FEMA in the Federal Register, or ends the date power is restored to the applicant's dwelling, whichever occurs first. Expenses incurred for generators purchased or rented outside the Qualifying Incident Period are not eligible for reimbursement.

For reimbursement of generators **purchased** during the Qualifying Incident Period:

- The cost will be reimbursed at the prevailing retail rate for a 5.5 kW-sized generator, as identified by FEMA.

For reimbursement of generators **rented** during the Qualified Incident Period:

- The cost is limited to the period the generator was rented until commercial power was

- restored.
- Reimbursement of generator rental costs will not exceed the established retail rate for a 5.5 kW-sized generator, as identified by FEMA.

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