

§ 700.189 Expenditure of replacement home benefits.

Replacement home benefits shall be expended or obligated in full at or before the time of original acquisition except as stated below. It is not anticipated that such exceptions would be common and each such instance shall be reviewed and a determination will be made by the Certification Officer.

(a) Under unusual circumstances such as: Unknown (latent) defects in the replacement dwellings, significant change of circumstances and extreme hardship, benefits may be expended after the time of original acquisition up to the existing maximum replacement home benefit.

(b) All replacement home benefits shall be expended not later than one (1) year after the date of payment of the incentive bonus, except under unusual circumstances as stated above, up to the statutory maximum.

(c) Replacement home benefits shall not be expended for maintenance except under unusual circumstances as stated above, up to the statutory maximum.

(d) For purposes of this paragraph, the time of original acquisition shall be defined as the date of execution of the Commission's Relocation Contract.

Subpart F—Incidental Expenses

§ 700.195 General.

Incidental expenses are those reasonable expenses, as determined by the Commission, to be incidental to the purchase of the replacement dwelling, but not prepaid.

§ 700.197 Basic eligibility requirements.

A certified eligible head of household is eligible for reimbursement of expenses that are incidental to the purchase of a replacement dwelling, as provided in § 700.199 hereof.

§ 700.199 Incidental expenses.

(a) *Eligible costs.* Subject to the limitations in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the incidental expenses to be paid are those actually incurred by the displaced person incident to the purchase

of the replacement dwelling, including—

(1) Legal, closing, and related costs, including those for title search, preparing conveyance instruments, notary fees, preparing plats, recording fees; and title insurance;

(2) Lender, FHA or VA appraisal fees;

(3) FHA or VA application fee;

(4) Certification of structural soundness when required by the lender;

(5) Credit report;

(6) Owner's and mortgagee's evidence or assurance of title;

(7) Escrow agent's fee;

(8) State revenue or documentary stamps, sales or transfer taxes;

(9) Such administrative costs as are necessary to secure and acquire home-site leases and/or allotments on tribal lands. These costs may include survey fees, appropriate tribal fees and other conveyance instruments as may be appropriate;

(10) Costs, such as advertising charges, incurred incident to the purchase of the improvements owned by the head of household.

(11) Cost related to fee inspector's inspections of the replacement dwelling.

(12) Such other costs as the Commission determines to be incidental to the purchase.

(b) *Truth in lending charge.* Any expense, which is determined to be part of the debt service or finance charge under 15 U.S.C. 131-1641 and Regulation Z (12 CFR part 226) issued thereunder by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, is not eligible for reimbursement as an incidental expense.

Subpart G—Assistance Payments (Incentive Bonus)

§ 700.205 Eligibility requirements.

A certified eligible head of household is eligible for the assistance payment pursuant to section 14(b) of the Act.

(a) *Amount of payment.* The amount of payment shall be computed in accordance with the schedule provided for in section 14(b) of the Act.

(b) *Date for determination of amount of assistance payment.* The date of completion and filing with the Commission of the Application for Relocation Assistance and Agreement to Relocate shall

§ 700.209

be the date used for determination of the amount of the assistance payment.

(c) *Time of payment.* Assistance payments provided for in this section shall only be paid upon actual occupancy of the replacement dwelling and vacation of the acquired habitation and/or improvement, if any, in the area partitioned to the Tribe of which he/she is not a member.

Subpart H—Last Resort Replacement Housing

§ 700.209 Applicability.

The provisions of this subpart apply only when the Commission determines that, unless it acts under the provisions of this subpart, there is a reasonable likelihood that replacement dwelling(s) will not be available on a timely basis to person(s) to be displaced.

§ 700.211 Basic rights and rules.

The provisions of this subpart do not deprive any displaced person of any rights described elsewhere in these regulations. The Commission may meet its obligation to provide persons with reasonable opportunities to relocate to a replacement dwelling by offering such opportunities developed or to be developed under this subpart.

§ 700.213 Methods of providing last resort replacement housing.

(a) *General.* The methods of providing last resort housing include, but are not limited to—

- (1) Rehabilitation of, and/or additions to, an existing replacement dwelling;
- (2) A replacement housing payment in excess of the limits set forth in subparts E and F of this part or the provision of direct Commission mortgage financing;
- (3) The construction of a new replacement dwelling;
- (4) The relocation and, if necessary, rehabilitation of a replacement dwelling;
- (5) The purchase of land and/or a replacement dwelling by the Commission and subsequent sale or lease to, or exchange with, a displaced person; and
- (6) The removal of barriers to the handicapped as may be necessary.

25 CFR Ch. IV (4–1–11 Edition)

Subpart I—Commission Operations

§ 700.219 General.

(a) The operation of the Commission shall be governed by a Management Manual passed, amended or repealed by a majority of the Commission at any regular or special meeting. The Management Manual is the prescribed medium for publication of policies, procedures and instructions which are necessary to facilitate the day-to-day operations and administration of the Commission.

(b) *Meetings.* The Commission shall hold a regular monthly meeting on the first Friday of each month at a time and place designated by public notice unless said Friday falls on a legal holiday, in that event, the meeting shall begin on the next regular workday. The monthly meeting may continue for as many days thereafter as is necessary to complete the regular affairs of the Commission, and may be recessed from time to time and reconvened at times designated by the Chairperson.

(c) *Special public meetings.* May be called by any Commissioner with ten (10) working days written notice given to the other Commissioners. Written notice may be waived by a release bearing the signatures of all three Commissioners.

(d) *Executive Session.* During a regular or special meeting, any Commissioner may request an Executive Session for purposes of personnel and administrative matters.

(e) *Compliance with other laws and regulations.* As a federal agency, the Commission will conduct its activities in conformance with applicable federal statutes and administrative procedures.

Subpart J—Inspection of Records

§ 700.235 Purpose and scope.

(a) This subpart contains the regulations of the Commission implementing the requirement of subsection (a)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3), which provides that the Commission “upon any request for records which (1) Reasonably describes