

Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team
Eligibility Decision
Decision Date: May 22, 2009

Dispute #: 57
Subgrantee: City of Westwego
DR: 1603
PW(s): 7704, 7815, 17663
Project: City Hall and Police Station

Description of Dispute

Determine if the City Hall and Police Station are eligible for replacement structures.

Unified PAPDT Decision

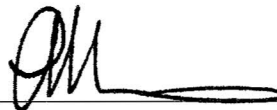
The applicant has appealed the determination in accordance with FEMA's appeal process described in Title 44 C.F.R, §206.206. Accordingly, no determination will be made by the Unified PAPDT.

The PAPDT notes the applicant's position related to the FEMA eligibility determination, which is that not all damages and impacts related to the event have been captured in the PWs and considered in the 50% calculation per FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy 9524.4. The applicant's position is that additional damages to the roof have not been captured in the PWs, and additional storm-related repairs throughout the building resulting from roof damage are not included in the PWs. The applicant's position is that when all damages are included, the 50% calculation is 73% for the City Hall building and 80% for the Police Station. These calculations were performed by the GOHSEP Eastern Region Technical Advisor and are dated July 30, 2008. The applicant notes a primary eligibility dispute is related to the original FEMA calculations which included errors in the square footages of the buildings, but the applicant's position is that the correct estimates of repair versus replacement calculations are captured in the July 30, 2008 calculations.

The PAPDT will ensure the applicant's position is brought forward to the appropriate officials responsible for the appeal determination under Title 44 C.F.R. §206.206.



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- Concur
- Non-Concur