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DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771] (Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

CHAPTER 5.8. Disaster Relief Grants [13600 - 13601] (Chapter 5.8 added by Stats. 1988, Ch. 1507, Sec. 15.)

13600. (a) The State Department of Social Services may provide state supplemental grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals and households adversely affected by any disaster declared by the President of the United States in those cases where individuals and households are unable to meet those expenses or needs through assistance under Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288, as amended by P.L. 106-390 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5174)), or from other sources.

(b) Grants shall only be made to individuals and households determined to be eligible for the federal assistance to individuals and households program under Section 5174 of Title 42 of the United States Code and who still have unmet serious needs and have suffered losses reimbursable under that program in excess of the maximum federal grant amount.

(c) The State Department of Social Services may make a grant to those individuals and households equal to the difference between the federal grant awarded and federally eligible appraised loss, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per individual or household.

(d) Application procedures established for the administration of this chapter shall conform to the procedures required in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288, as amended by P.L. 106-390). The State Department of Social Services shall ensure that applicants for relief under this chapter have exhausted all other available means of seeking relief for disaster damage prior to receiving any grants pursuant to this chapter.

(e) Application procedures utilized in the administration of this chapter shall be subject to the following criteria:

(1) All applications, forms, and other written materials presented to persons seeking assistance shall be available in English and in the same language as that used by the major non-English-speaking group within the disaster area.

(2) Bilingual staff who reflect the demographics of the disaster area shall be available to applicants.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 350, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2003.)

13601. There is hereby created in the State Treasury the California Individual and Family Supplemental Grant Fund. Moneys in the fund shall be available to pay claims from individuals and families for losses or damages occurring during the incident period of a Presidential disaster declaration for individual assistance. Any moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislature shall be allocated to the State Department of Social Services to provide supplemental individual and family grant assistance for unmet needs. The funds shall not be used to fulfill matching fund requirements for federal disaster assistance, but shall be used to supplement the federal assistance to individuals and households program under Section 5174 of Title 42 of the United States Code. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, moneys in this fund are continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the purpose of making grants pursuant to this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 350, Sec. 6. Effective January 1, 2003.)