Course Description

This instructor-led course will provide learners with information on the importance of pre-planning for housing recovery to accelerate recovery after a disaster occurs. The course will provide lessons on the basics of disaster housing planning and best practices of housing planning. The course will improve knowledge and understanding of FEMA’s direct temporary housing and permanent housing construction programs, including strategies to rapidly and efficiently initiate direct temporary housing and permanent housing construction programs, including the implications for code enforcement, permitting, and utility restoration. The course will also demonstrate the process of coordinating agreements and processes regarding the collection, sharing, and handling of sensitive, personal identifiable information from federal and non-federal sources. The course will also provide guidance on implementing FEMA’s Transitional Sheltering Assistance, Disaster Case Management programs, and HUD’s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program. Finally, the course will describe best practices for establishing and sustaining active disaster housing task forces that coordinate the delivery of temporary housing, case management services, and long-term housing recovery assistance from federal, state, local, and non-profit sector partners. Disaster housing task forces include potential members of the task force and the roles and responsibilities of a task force.

Upon completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify concepts of disaster housing and identify the importance of disaster housing planning.
2. Identify best practices for implementing the Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program, Disaster Case Management, and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.
3. Identify the benefits and limitations of temporary housing.
4. Identify the benefits and limitations of long-term recovery assistance.
5. Identify public resources to assist in planning and to ensure adherence to local building codes, permitting, and utility restoration.
6. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the disaster housing task force.

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