

**WAC 118-11-100 Applicant general eligibility.** (1) To be eligible for state IA program assistance, recipients must meet all general eligibility requirements provided in this section in addition to any program-specific requirements.

(2) To apply for the state IA program, the applicant or survivor must:

(a) Be a resident of a county or tribal nation that has declared a state of emergency.

(b) If insured against the peril under, without limitation, a flood, homeowners, vehicle, mobile home, or health insurance policy, show proof of insurance and any claim settlement information related to the disaster-caused needs.

(c) Present evidence of damages that are attributed to the declared disaster including, but not limited to, proof that the primary residence was destroyed, sustained major damage, or is rendered inaccessible. Such proof may include the following without limitation:

(i) Evidence that essential living areas in the residence have sustained major damage;

(ii) Evidence that essential living areas in the residence have been destroyed and pose serious health or safety hazards; or

(iii) Evidence that the survivor is displaced due to the home being rendered inaccessible.

(d) Provide proof of disaster assistance received from any other entity for this event (to avoid duplication of benefits), such as receipt of assistance from the department of social and health services' disaster cash assistance program.

(e) Have a household income equal to or less than 80 percent of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median household income for the calendar year prior to the disaster, based on the number of persons in the household. HUD's area median income may include the county or nearest metropolitan statistical area (MSA) if it benefits the applicant.

(f) Apply for SBA assistance, if available. An application for SBA assistance is not required for household needs grant or extended sheltering assistance.

(i) Applicants who refuse an SBA loan if approved are ineligible for state IA program assistance.

(ii) If an SBA loan is approved and accepted by an applicant, an applicant may still be eligible for supplemental assistance provided by the state IA program.

(iii) State IA program assistance will only be provided to restore an applicant's living conditions to a safe, functional, and accessible state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 38.52.030(9) and 38.52.050. WSR 24-18-046, § 118-11-100, filed 8/27/24, effective 9/27/24.]