

Model Statement of Assurances for Property Acquisition Projects

SEND THIS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES ATTACHED WITH THE PROJECT APPLICATION, OR SEND TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

NOTE: If you have questions regarding any of these assurances, please consult the program guidance and contact the sponsoring agency.

Name of Applicant: _____

As the duly authorized representative of the sub-applicant, I certify that the sub-applicant:

1. Will ensure that participation by property owners is voluntary. The prospective participants have been informed in writing that participation in the program is voluntary, that the Sub-applicant will not use its eminent domain authority to acquire their property for the project purposes should negotiations fail;
2. Will ensure each property owner will be informed, in writing, of what the Sub-applicant considers to be the fair market value of the property. The Sub-applicant will use the Model Statement of Voluntary Transaction to document this and will provide a copy for each property after award;
3. Will accept all of the requirements of the FEMA grant and the deed restriction governing the use of the land, as restricted in perpetuity to open-space uses. The Sub-applicant will apply and record a deed restriction on each property in accordance with the language in the FEMA Model Deed Restriction. The community will seek FEMA approval for any changes in language differing from the Model Deed Restriction.
4. Will ensure that the land will be unavailable for the construction of flood damage reduction levees and other incompatible purposes, and is not part of an intended, planned, or designated project area for which the land is to be acquired by a certain date;
5. Will demonstrate that it has consulted with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the subject land's potential future use for the construction of a levee system, and will reject future consideration of such use if it accepts FEMA assistance to convert the property to permanent open-space;
6. Will demonstrate that it has coordinated with its State Department of Transportation to ensure that no future, planned improvements or enhancements to the Federal aid systems are under consideration that will affect the subject property;
7. Will remove existing structures within 90 days of settlement;

8. Post grant award, will ensure that a property interested is conveyed only with the prior approval of the FEMA Regional Director and only to another public entity or to a qualified conservation organization pursuant to 26 CFR 1.170A-14;
9. Will submit every three years to the Grantee, who will then submit to the FEMA Regional Director, a report certifying that it has inspected the subject property within the month preceding the report, and that the property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of the grant. If the subject property is not maintained according to the terms of the grant, the Grantee and FEMA, its representatives, designated authorities, and assigns are responsible for taking measures to bring the property back into compliance; and
10. Will not seek or accept the provision of, after settlement, disaster assistance for any purpose from any Federal entity with respect to the property, and FEMA will not distribute flood insurance benefits for that property for claims related to damage occurring after the date of the property settlement.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the identified assurances and certifications.

Type Name of Authorized Agent Title

Signature

Date Signed