

**49-514. Same; purchase of property and provision of moving expenses.** (a) (1) For individuals who have rented and resided in their homes in the affected community continuously since March 13, 2006, and who can produce a valid rental contract or other proof of rental arrangement, the trust shall provide relocation assistance in an amount equal to the average cost of 12 months' rent for comparable housing elsewhere in the county where the affected community is located. The trust, in its discretion, may provide such assistance in periodic payments and not in a single lump sum. In addition, such individuals may receive not more than \$1,000 for moving expenses.

(2) For other individuals who are renting and residing in their homes in the affected community and who can produce a valid rental contract or other proof of rental arrangement, the trust, in its discretion, may provide relocation assistance and moving expenses in amounts not exceeding those authorized in subsection (a)(1).

(b) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (g), for individuals who have owned and resided in their homes in the affected community continuously since March 13, 2006, the trust shall purchase their homes, including the land on which their homes are located, for an amount equal to the average cost of comparable housing elsewhere in the county where the affected community is located. In addition, such individuals may receive not more than \$1,000 for moving expenses.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (g), for other individuals who own and reside in their homes in the affected community, the trust, in its discretion, may purchase their homes, including the land on which their homes are located, for an amount equal to the price paid for the home plus 5% per year, uncompounded, since the year of purchase and moving expenses in amounts not exceeding those authorized in subsection (b)(1).

(c) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (h), for persons who have rented the premises of and operated their businesses or nonprofit organizations in the affected community continuously since March 13, 2006, and who can produce a valid rental contract or other proof of rental arrangement, the trust shall provide relocation assistance in an amount equal to the average cost of 12 months' rent for comparable premises elsewhere in the county where the affected community is located. The trust, in its discretion, may provide such assistance in periodic payments rather than in a single lump sum. In addition, such persons may receive not more than \$2,000 for moving expenses.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (h), for other persons who are renting the premises of and operating their businesses or nonprofit organizations in the affected community and who can produce a valid rental contract or other proof of rental arrangement, the trust, in its discretion, may provide relocation assistance and moving expenses in amounts not exceeding those authorized in subsection (c) (1).

(d) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (g) and (h), for persons who have owned the premises of and operated their businesses or nonprofit organizations in the affected community continuously since March 13, 2006, the trust shall purchase the premises, including the land on which the premises are located, for an amount equal to the average cost of comparable commercial property elsewhere in the county where the affected community is located. In addition, such persons may receive not more than \$2,000 for moving expenses.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsections (g) and (h), for other persons who own the premises of and operate their businesses or nonprofit organizations in the affected community, the trust, in its discretion, may purchase the premises, including the land on which the premises are located, for an amount equal to the price the owner paid for the premises plus 5% per year, uncompounded, since the year of purchase and moving expenses in amounts not exceeding those authorized in subsection (d)(1).

(e) Subject to the provisions of subsections (g) and (h), for persons who own rental property in the affected community, the trust, in its discretion, may purchase the rental property for: (A) An amount equal to the average cost of comparable rental property elsewhere in the county, if the person has owned such property continuously since March 13, 2006; or (B) an amount equal to the price paid plus 5% per year, uncompounded, since the year of purchase, if the person has not owned such property continuously since March 13, 2006.

(f) Subject to the provisions of subsection (h), in addition to the purchase of property as otherwise authorized by this act, the trust, in its discretion, may purchase other real property within the affected community to prevent future construction on such property for an amount not exceeding:

(1) The average cost of comparable property elsewhere in the county, if the person has owned such property continuously since March 13, 2006; or

(2) the price the owner paid for such property plus 5% per year, uncompounded, since the year of purchase, if the person has not owned such property continuously since March 13, 2006.

(g) If a home or the premises of a business or nonprofit organization is a movable structure and the trust grants relocation assistance to the owner pursuant to this section, the trust, in its discretion, may pay the cost of relocating such structure in lieu of other assistance authorized in this section if the cost of relocating the structure does not exceed the amount of such other assistance.

(h) A person shall not be eligible for assistance pursuant to this act with respect to property used for mining or for removal, storage or sale of mined materials or mine waste or byproducts.

(i) Payments made pursuant to the provisions of this act may be made to any eligible person but not more than one payment shall be made with regard to any single dwelling or commercial or nonprofit premises, except that, if the dwelling or premises are rented, one payment may be made to a renter and one payment may be made to an owner.

(j) Participation in the assistance program provided for by this act shall be voluntary. No person shall be required to relocate or sell property under the provisions of this act.

(k) Real property acquired by the trust pursuant to the relocation assistance provisions of this act may be utilized or disposed of in accordance with law, in the manner that the trust determines will best serve the state of Kansas and public interest.

(l) The use of moneys pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the uniform relocation assistance and real property acquisition policies act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.).

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