

related to the initial grant award on their merits.

(c) We must receive a request for reconsideration under this section within 60 days of the date of the notice of the decision for which reconsideration is requested.

(d) Requests for reconsideration should be directed to: Director, Grants Program Office, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 330, Washington, DC 20472.

### PART 153—ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE 9/11 HEROES STAMP ACT OF 2001

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#### § 153.1 Purpose.

This part implements the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 (“Heroes Stamp Act”), Public Law 107-67, 115 Stat. 514 (2001), which authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish a program to provide assistance to emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled while serving in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and their families.

#### § 153.2 Eligibility definitions and requirements.

(a) *Eligible claimants.* The term *eligible claimants* shall mean emergency relief personnel acting in their official capacity who were killed or permanently physically disabled in the line of duty while serving at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or Shanksville, Pennsylvania site in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

(b) *Emergency relief personnel.* The term *emergency relief personnel* shall mean those individuals serving at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or Shanksville, Pennsylvania site in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, who were firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, members of the clergy, or other individuals (including employees of legally organized and recognized volunteer organizations, whether compensated or not) who, in the course of professional duties, respond to fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar emergencies.

(c) *In the line of duty.* The term *in the line of duty* shall mean emergency relief personnel were serving in their official capacity at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, or Shanksville, Pennsylvania site in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, during the period of time of and extending for 96 hours after the crashes resulting from the terrorist attacks.

(d) *Permanently physically disabled.* The term *permanently physically disabled* shall mean an individual with a significant and nontemporary physical impairment. In order to make these determinations, FEMA will rely on a determination by an appropriate private entity, Federal, State, or local agency.

#### § 153.3 Other definitions.

*Appeal* means a written explanation of the applicant’s basis to contest FEMA’s eligibility determination. The appeal shall not exceed 15 pages, exclusive of supporting documentation.

*Heroes Stamp Act or the Act* means the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001, section 652 of Public Law 107-67, 115 Stat. 514 (2001).

*Personal representative* means the individual determined to be the personal representative under § 153.4.

*Special Master* means the individual appointed on November 26, 2001, by the Attorney General of the United States to administer The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. See 28 CFR part 101.