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Ask Ishbel

Q. A home owner was curious to know the amount of relocation assistance that states offered when home owners are displaced when their community closes.

A. I did a quick survey of state association presidents, and here is what I heard back: The following states do not provide any relocation assistance: IL; NJ; NH; OH; UT; VA; WI. In FL owners of single section homes are entitled to up to \$2,750 and multi-section home owners are entitled to up to \$3,750. In Oregon the figures are \$5,000 (single-section), \$7,000 (double-wide) and \$9,000 (triple wide). Arizona provides up to \$5,000 (single-section) and up to \$10,000 (multi-section) – not to exceed costs. Washington State provides up to \$7,500 (single-section) and \$12,000 (multi-section) – not to exceed costs. In Minnesota it is dealt with on a jurisdictional basis and 22 cities provide the actual costs involved or provide the buy-out value of the home, while in another 380 cities home owner may get \$4,000 if the home is moved, or \$5,000 buy-out value (single-section) or \$8,000/\$9,000 (multi-section). California also has a jurisdiction by jurisdiction approach with some just requiring a few thousand dollars in relocation while others will pay the in place value of the home and in a recent lawsuit settlement the home owners each got \$70,000.

I look forward to answering other questions in future issues of **i'mPOWERED!**