



Memorandum to Emergency Managers

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**Subject: Highlights of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Draft bill for FY 2014**

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Today the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security released the draft of the FY 2014 Appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security.

Tomorrow the Subcommittee will consider and “markup” the bill at 10:30 am. The markup will be webcast on the Committee website at <http://appropriations.house.gov/>

The text of the draft bill is available at <http://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/bills-113hr-sc-ap-fy2014-hsecurity.pdf>.

The Appropriations Committee Press release on the draft bill is available at <http://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=333903>.

This memo focuses on the FEMA section of the bill.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Some Key Highlights

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

- \$350, 000,000, the President’s request level.
- Maintained as a separate account.

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

- Is not mentioned specifically. (usually is mentioned in the report which is not yet available.)

Firefighter Assistance Grants

- \$675,000,000 for Firefighter Assistance Grants; of this amount \$337,500,000 is for assistance to firefighter grants for equipment, training, vehicles and related materials and \$337,500,000 for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants .
- Maintained as a separate account.

State and Local Programs \$1,500,000,000

- \$1,264,825,000 to be distributed according to threat, vulnerability, and consequence at discretion of Secretary of DHS based on authorities
 - State Homeland Security Grant Program
 - Operation Stonegarden --\$55,000,000
 - Urban Area Security Initiative
 - Private Nonprofit organizations determined to be at high risk
 - Public Transportation Security Assistance and Railroad Security Assistance
 - Port Security Grants
 - Over-the-Road Bus Security Assistance
 - Metropolitan Medical Response System
 - Citizens Corp
 - Driver’s License Security Grants
 - Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program
 - Emergency Operations Centers
 - Buffer Zone Protection Program
 - National Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants
- \$235,174,000 to sustain current operations for training, exercises, technical assistance and other programs; \$157,991,000 shall be for training of State, local, and tribal emergency response providers.

Update on Administration Request for National Preparedness Grant Program
(prohibited unless authorized)

•Note: *for the second year, the Administration proposed a program to consolidate all the preparedness grants (excluding Emergency Management Performance Grants and the Firefighter Assistance Grants). This would require a change to authorization language, but as of this writing the Administration has not submitted a legislative proposal.*

•Section 553 of the General Provisions includes the following language: None of the funds provided in this or any other Act may be obligated to implement the National Preparedness Grant Program or any other successor grant programs unless explicitly authorized by Congress.

PreDisaster Mitigation Program (PDM)

- Rejects Administration proposal to eliminate the program and provides \$22,500,000.

Salaries and Expenses \$914,795,000

- \$27,513,000 for Urban Search and Rescue Response System
- \$22,000,000 for capital improvements at Mt. Weather Emergency Operations Center.

United States Fire Administration

- \$42,162,000, an increase of \$856,000 over the \$41,306,000 request level which had been a reduction.

Emergency Food and Shelter

- \$120,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over President's request, but equals FY 2013.

Disaster Relief Fund

- \$6,220,908,000, the request level.
- Requires a number of reports

Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis

- Note: will clarify mapping number after markup.

National Flood Insurance Fund

- Includes \$100,000,000 from the Fund for flood mitigation actions

Principal Federal Official

- Section 520 of the General Provisions specifically prohibits the appointment of a Principal Federal Office unless certain conditions are met.

Additional Materials on IAEM website

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