HOUSE BILL 1

RECOVERY UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHAT FUNDING WAS AUTHORIZED UNDER HOUSE BILL 1?

House Bill 1 authorizes a total of \$100M in funding to support recovery efforts related to the South Fork Fire and Salt Fire. It includes:

- \$10M in assistance to Mescalero Apache Tribe via the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.
- \$10M in wildfire mitigation funds via the New Mexico Forestry Division.
- \$10M in support* to individuals and businesses via the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- \$70M in loan funds for the FEMA Public Assistance Program via the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

WHAT IS THE FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The \$70M loan fund will support local public entities with up-front funding to pay for infrastructure projects which are eligible for FEMA Public Assistance, a federally appropriated fund which helps with:

- · Category A: Debris removal
- Category B: Emergency protective measures
- Category C: Roads and bridges
- Category D: Water control facilities
- Category E: Public buildings and contents
- Category F: Public utilities
- Category G: Parks, recreational, and other facilities



*DHSEM can <u>not</u> provide direct assistance to individuals and businesses due State laws preventing such forms of assistance, per the New Mexico Anti-Donations Clause.

PROCESS FOR RECEIVING HB1 LOAN FUNDS



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FEMA Public Assistance eligible Applicant completes Recovery Scoping Meeting.

DHSEM and the Applicant formulate FEMA-PA eligible projects (Phase 2).

DHSEM recommends projects to DFA.*

Applicant signs loan and DFA pays **50%** of the reimbursable project costs.

DFA validates the project and prepares loan agreement.

FEMA processes the project and completes their review (Phase 4).

DHSEM notifies DFA of the project moving to Phase 4.

DFA releases the full **100%** of the reimbursable project costs.

DHSEM reimburses the Applicant, and the Applicant repays loan. DFA and DHSEM monitor completion of the FEMA-PA project.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: WATERSHED AND DRAINING PLANNING

In partnership with the New Mexico Forestry Division, DHSEM has developed a four-pronged planning approach to support mitigation:

- 1. LiDAR Flight in the Burn Scars to assess the changed topography in the region and shape accurate modelling for at-risk infrastructure.
- 2. Baseline Impacts and Future Conditions Study. to develop a baseline impacts and future conditions study to set the context for rebuilding.
- 3. Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study to develop accurate modelling of sediment erosion and deposits in the impacted area.
- 4. Regional Watershed Restoration Plan/Master Drainage Plan to capture the local vision and holistic strategy for rebuilding.

