

# 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:

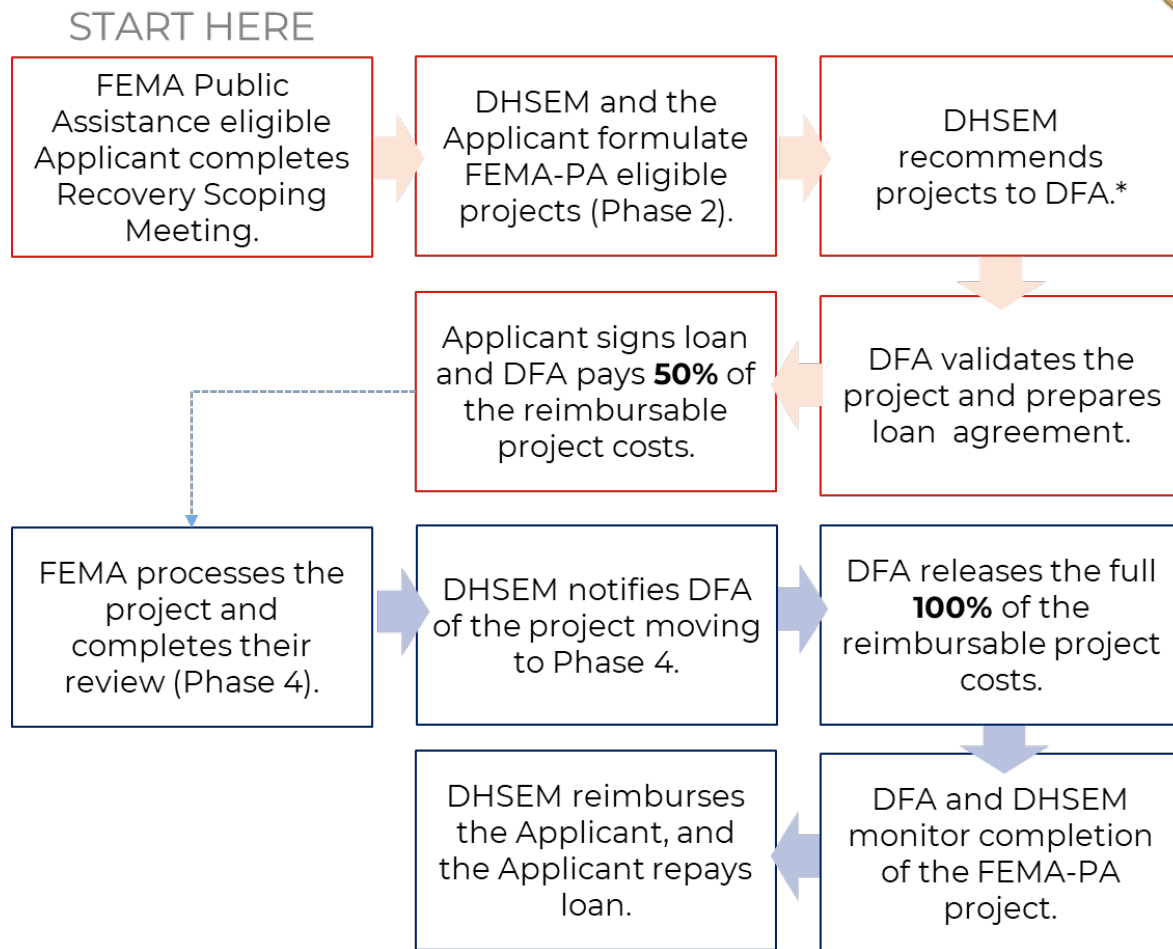
- **Category A:** Debris removal
- **Category B:** Emergency protective measures
- **Category C:** Roads and bridges
- **Category D:** Water control facilities
- **Category E:** Public buildings and contents
- **Category F:** Public utilities
- **Category G:** Parks, recreational, and other facilities

\*DHSEM can not 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 HBI LOAN FUNDS



## 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.

