



Delaware Emergency Management Resilience Fund Overview

Overview

The Delaware Emergency Management Resilience Fund (The Fund) has been established to support non-profits and local governments in the State of Delaware as they support communities recovering from disaster incidents and working toward a more resilient Delaware. The Fund will be available for any incident that qualifies and can be used to reimburse non-profit organizations or government entities. Qualifying incidents will be determined by the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security or their designee. The intent is not for this funding to be used for routine weather events, to repair second homes or rental homes, or to make survivors completely whole. It is not intended to supplant private insurance or homeowner personal responsibility. This fund is intended to help with short-term immediate needs, with priority given to the most vulnerable residents. Funding will not be provided directly to residents. The Resilience Fund will be available as funding allows.

Authority

The Authority for this Fund comes Delaware State Code Section 107. Emergency Management Resilience Fund. The Section 1 Addendum of this Act makes an appropriation to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware Emergency Management Agency (45-01-20 30) to establish an Emergency Management Resilience Fund that will provide for the expenses of storms and other emergency events and post-emergency responses. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Department shall be allowed to provide reimbursements from this appropriation to divisions/programs on an as-needed basis for expenditures incurred. The Department may also provide reimbursements from this fund to municipalities and other local government entities pursuant to contracts entered into by the department and the qualified entity to assist with recovery and post-emergency response. Any fund expenditures must be approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Controller General. The Department shall provide quarterly reports of event expenditures to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Controller General.

Qualifying Incidents

The Fund can be used for incidents that require county or municipal emergency operations center (EOC) activation and response to incidents that meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Displaces individuals that are uninsured or underinsured, and unable to find temporary housing
2. Requires assistance of the DEVOAD
3. At the discretion of the Secretary of DSHS or his/her designee

Qualifying Entities

- Impacted county or municipality providing additional services to survivors.
- Non-profits providing disaster recovery assistance who are registered 501C entities.
- Established Non-Governmental Partner Programs (i.e., Milford Housing, Habitat for Humanity, Food Bank, Contractors for a Cause, Good Ole Boys, etc.)

Qualifying Expenses

- Short-term lodging not covered by insurance or other programs; and/or
- Equipment needed to assist community in recovery (pumps, rental equipment, dumpsters, tarps, etc.); and/or
- Emergency debris removal

- To support non-profits initiatives as a force multiplier

Application Process

After a qualifying incident, DEMA Finance will work with OMB and the Controller General to obtain approval to access funds for an incident. At that time, the DEMA Recovery Section will reach out to impacted communities to see what unmet have been identified and to determine how funding can assist. If requests are overwhelming, a review committee of no more than 5 individuals will review applications and identify those providing the greatest benefit to the community. The review committee will consist of DEMA staff, local officials, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) representatives, and local community members.