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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Emergency Managers and Grant Recipients

FROM: John Scrivani, Acting State Coordinator, VDEM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scrivani".

DATE: April 11, 2025

RE: Grant Funding Status

To provide full transparency and details as we know them, I am writing today with an update on the status of federal grant funding related to emergency management programs across the commonwealth. On February 28th, VDEM was notified by FEMA of a manual review process requirement stating that "Effective immediately, FEMA and DHS are conducting additional reviews of allocations before releasing funds for all grants." On March 19th, FEMA provided revised guidance on how documentation should be presented and submitted for some, but not all of their grant programs. VDEM submitted the requested documentation but have not received feedback as of today. For some programs, we are still awaiting guidance. The outstanding expenses awaiting payment include all federal grants that VDEM administers, such as disaster reimbursements to state, local, and non-profit organizations; preparedness funds to local governments to be ready for the next disaster; funds to enhance security for non-profit organizations, and funds to build back stronger and reduce future risk to flooding.

Unfortunately, at this time, we do not have an update as to when and if these funds will be made available. We understand that we have several local projects and programs that rely on grant funding, as many of our agency's functions do as well. Therefore, we are asking for your patience and understanding as we navigate this together.

Within VDEM we are adjusting our operations to accommodate the delays in funding. This includes limiting staff travel and purchasing, as well as strategically filling vacant positions. Our teams have spent the past few weeks assessing the status of current internal budgets and programs so that we can prioritize our critical functions. Please know that we will do everything we can to ensure that those who receive federal grant funding are issued their reimbursements in a timely manner if and when the funding is made available to us.



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I apologize that we do not have any additional details or answers at this time. If you have any questions on your payment status or to determine if your specific grant is currently affected by the DHS/FEMA review process, please reach out to your Chief Regional Coordinator or log-in to VDEM EM Grants to check your payable status. If it is in Step 4 (Pending Batch Processing) this means that it is affected. As we receive additional details or guidance from our federal partners, we will keep everyone updated.