

NACo National Membership Call – Disaster Supplemental Funding Package December 2024

# **DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST OVERVIEW**

**November 18:** White House submits \$98.6 billion disaster supplemental **request** to Congress.

 Includes funding for key agencies including USDA, FEMA, HUD, SBA and others.

**November 20:** U.S. Senate Appropriations holds hearing on supplemental request, kick starting negotiations.

**November 27:** White House submits additional \$16.1 billion request to Congress, bringing the total request to \$114.7 billion.

Next steps: Congress has begun deliberations on a final package however we have not seen any text to date. Package will likely move as either a standalone or attached to a Continuing Resolution.

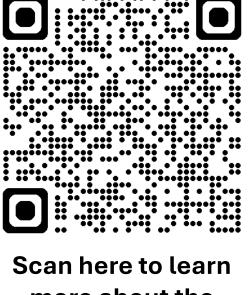


Scan here to access NACo's overview blog of the package

#### **U.S. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY: \$40 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)	\$40 billion	Funds would be used to replenish the DRF, allowing for projects reimbursed through FEMA's Public Assistance Program to continue and expedite recovery efforts.

NOTE: FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund is rapidly approaching a shift into Immediate Needs Funding (INF), with a little over \$4 billion available.



Scan here to learn more about the impacts of INF

#### **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: \$2.3 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
Disaster Loan Program	\$2.3 billion	Funds would be used to replenish SBA's Disaster Loan Program account, allowing for businesses, homeowners and renters to access critical funding to assist in recovery efforts.

NOTE: SBA's Disaster Loan Program is currently out of money.

• Individuals are encouraged to still apply however as this will expedite approval once the program is funded.

# **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: \$23.5 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	\$1.1 billion	Funds would be used to support debris removal and cleanup.
Emergency Conservation Program	\$617 million	Funds would be used to provide financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate damaged farmland.
Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Account	\$21 billion	Funds would be used to reimburse for crop production, crop quality and other losses.
Emergency Forest Restoration Program	\$356 million	Funds would be used to assist private, non-industrial forest landowners.
Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund	\$375 million	Funds would be used to address disaster needs through existing RD programs.
Rural Community Facilities Program Account	\$10 million	Funds would be used to meet the local cost share for any FEMA programs.
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)	\$30 million	Funds would support grants to WIC states with recovery efforts.

# **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & HUD: \$20.2 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
HUD – Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery	\$12 billion	Funds would be used to support long- term housing for disaster impacted survivors.
DOT – Emergency Relief Program	\$8.1 billion	Funds would be used for repair and reconstruction of federal-aid highways and federally owned roads that have been seriously damaged by recent disasters.

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE: \$2.3 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$1.5 billion	Funds would be used to provide flexible grants to impacted communities to meet economic development needs including flood mitigation, long-term economic recovery and other needs.
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	\$747 million	Funds would be used to support mapping and marine debris removal; would also provide for the completion of two hurricane and extreme weather forecasting aircrafts.

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ARMY CORPS: \$1.5 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
DOE Grid Deployment Office	\$1 billion	Funds would be used to support grid rebuilding, modernization and future hardening efforts.
Cybersecurity, Energy & Emergency Response	\$15 million	Funds would be used to implement energy recovery efforts from the Maui wildfires.
Army Corps – Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund	\$33 million	Funds would be used to replenish the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to address the ongoing recover efforts related to the Key Bridge collapse.
Army Corps – Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies	\$400 million	Funds would be used to repair eligible projects that sustained significant damage during Hurricanes Helen & Milton.

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR & EPA: \$4.3 BILLION

Program	Requested Amount	Description
DOI – Wildland Fire Management	\$75 million	Funds would be used to support an increase in base pay for DOI's wildland firefighting workforce.
EPA – State & Tribal Assistance Grants for Water Infrastructure	\$3 billion	Funds would go to affected states for long-term water system upgrades to improve system performance and mitigate against future disasters.
EPA – Other State & Tribal Assistance Grants	\$1.12 billion	Funds would be used to support various activities including septic system resilience, direct-to-water systems, operation and maintenance, and others.

# **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & HHS: \$3.9 BILLION**

Program	Requested Amount	Description
DOE – Disaster Education Recovery	\$950 million	Funds would be used to hire additional substitute teachers, replace damaged school equipment and provide housing vouchers for displaced teachers.
HHS – Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)	\$260 million	Funds would support health center infrastructure to aid in response and recovery efforts.
HHS – Children & Families Services Program	\$581 million	Funds would support Head Start programs, allowing for the continuation of early childhood education and for building repairs, and reconstruction.
HHS – Social Services Block Grant	\$750 million	Funds would support social services including child care, family support and child welfare services.
Addressing IV Fluid Shortage	\$252 million	Funds would be used to ensure supply chain viability for IV fluids, which have been impacted by recent disasters.

#### **DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL ADVOCACY**

**November 25:** NACo <u>sent a letter</u> to Congress urging swift passage of a disaster supplemental that includes funding for FEMA, SBA, HUD, DOT and USDA, amongst others.

The Ask: Counties are encouraged to reach out to their members of congress voicing support for the package and to tell your county story as to why these programs are so critical to your recovery efforts.

<u>Next steps:</u> We anticipate draft text in the coming weeks, with a vote before the December 20 government funding deadline. **Now is a critical time to voice our support for these programs to ensure they receive funding in the final package.** 



Scan here to access NACo's template letter for outreach

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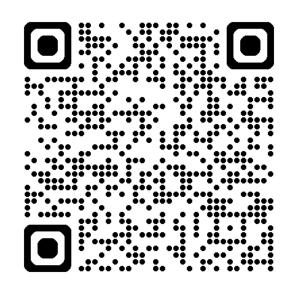
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# Call to Action: Specific Steps



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- Consult with county leaders and partners on priorities, policies and practices
- Dialogue with presidential transition teams and congressional leadership
- Review existing federal disaster assistance policies, programs and practices
- Review existing intergovernmental disaster policies and resources
- Explore effective intergovernmental collaboration
- Identify specific gaps and areas of improvement
- Evaluate public, private, nonprofit and philanthropic funding mechanisms
- Develop Final Report

# QUESTIONS?

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