

H.R. 2157 House Supplemental Disaster Aid Package

On April 9, 2019, the House introduced a new \$17.2 billion disaster aid package, H.R. 2157. The House supplemental disaster aid package provides:

- **Community Development Block Grants-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)**—\$2.21 billion to help communities rebuild housing, businesses, and public infrastructure in the most impacted and distressed areas affected by major natural disasters. When combined with \$1.68 billion of CDBG-DR funding in the FAA reauthorization, there will be a total of \$3.89 billion in resources for 2018 and 2019 disasters, of which more than \$1 billion is available for resiliency and mitigation activities.
- **Agricultural Assistance**—\$3 billion to the Department of Agriculture for programs including payments for crop and livestock losses due to hurricanes, typhoons, volcanic activities, tornados, floods, snowstorms, or wildfires during 2018 and 2019.
- **Forest Restoration**—\$480 million for programs to assist owners of private forests to restore disaster-damaged forests.
- **Watershed and Flood Prevention**—\$125 million for operations for financial and technical assistance to states and local sponsors to protect and restore watersheds up to 250,000 acres.
- **Emergency Conservation**—\$500 million for programs to provide emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters.
- **Rural Community Facilities**—\$150 million for grant programs that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services to rural communities. Nutrition Assistance—\$630 million to programs for Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and America Samoa.
- **Economic Development Assistance**—\$600 million to the Economic Development Administration to provide programs for flood mitigation, disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas affected by major disasters in 2018 and 2019.
- **Coastal Resilience**—\$50 million to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide competitive grants to help enhance coastal resilience through coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, and barrier islands restoration.
- **Commercial Fishery**—\$150 million to NOAA to mitigate the effects of commercial fishery failures and fishery resource for disasters declared by the Secretary of Commerce, including those caused by recent hurricanes and typhoons.
- **Fish and Wildlife**—\$82.4 million to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for repair and restoration of facilities, roads, bridges, and assets associated with Hurricanes Florence, Lane, and Michael, flooding associated with Hawaii mudslides, and 2018 earthquakes.
- **Flood and Storm Damage Reduction**—\$740 million to the Army Corps of Engineers to accelerate construction of flood and storm damage reduction projects to reduce risk from future floods and hurricanes.

- **Army Corps of Engineers**—\$1.993 billion to repair damages to Army Corps' projects, which includes \$575 million for Mississippi Rivers and Tributaries, \$908 million for Operations and Maintenance, and \$510 million for Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies.
- **Electric Grids**—\$15.5 million to the Department of Energy to provide technical assistance related to electric grids in areas impacted by hurricanes and typhoons.
- **Wildland Fire Activities**—\$720 million to the U.S. Forest Service to repay non-fire accounts for fiscal year 2018 wildland fire activities.
- **Fire Remediation**—\$17 million to the Department of Interior to carry out fire remediation activities and for firefighting costs.
- **National Park System**—\$78 million to the National Park Service for repair and replacement of assets in the National Park system that were damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and 2018 wildfires.
- **Public Water Systems**—\$600,000 to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prepare public water systems to handle disasters in the future for training and incident response exercises.
- **Underground Storage Tanks**—\$1.5 million to the EPA to assess underground storage tanks affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and 2018 earthquakes.
- **Water Quality**—\$62.5 million to the EPA for State and Tribal Assistance Grants to assess post-disaster water quality conditions, replace damaged and destroyed monitoring equipment, and for states to inspect and clean up hazardous waste facilities impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and 2018 wildfires and earthquakes.
- **Drinking and Waste Water**—\$849.4 million to the EPA for State Revolving Funds for resiliency funding to bring drinking and waste water systems to a state of resiliency against future storms.
- **Worker Assistance**—\$50 million for Dislocated Worker National Reserve program to help with clean-up and serve individuals who are temporarily or permanently laid off because of disasters and self-employed individuals who become unemployed or underemployed, among others.
- **Mental Health**—\$30 million for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services to support behavioral health treatment, crisis counseling, helplines, and other related activities for individuals affected by recent natural disasters.
- **Social Services**—\$250 million for Social Services Block Grant to support a range of social services activities, including counseling services, case management services, and health services and for costs of renovating, repairing, and construction of health care facilities, child care centers, and other social services facilities.
- **Educational Assistance**—\$225 for education recovery services to meet the educational needs of students in areas affected by disasters by restarting school operations, providing temporary assistance for schools receiving displaced students, providing education services for homeless children and youth, and delivering mental health services and supports to students and staff, among other activities. Within that amount there is \$60 million for the Head Start program to rebuild and reopen Head Start centers whose services have been disrupted.

- **Transit Systems**—\$10.5 million to the Federal Transit Administration to provide funding to rebuild transit systems and reimburse unanticipated costs related to natural disasters.
- **Roads and Bridges**—\$1.65 billion to the Federal Highway Administration to reimburse states and territories for damage from natural disasters to roads and bridges in the National Highway System.