



FEMA

Dear FEMA Grantee:

In August 2011, Congress passed the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) to limit federal spending and reduce our national debt. To enforce annual spending limits, that law requires across-the-board funding reductions to almost every federal program, project, and activity through a process called “sequestration.”

As a consequence, all federal agencies, including FEMA, will have to implement steep funding cuts, beginning in the current fiscal year. Leadership throughout FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security have been working hard to determine how we might best mitigate the impact of possible sequestration budget reductions on our state, local, tribal, territorial, non-profit and private sector partners.

Nonetheless, the sequestration order issued on March 1, 2013 will result in FEMA’s current Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 funding levels being reduced by approximately 5%. This will result in a reduction to FEMA’s State and Local grant funding levels of approximately \$104 million.

The sequestration reductions will affect FY 2013 funding levels for all GPD grants, subject to FEMA’s final FY 2013 appropriation. Sequestration will not affect grants or cooperative agreements awarded in previous fiscal years.

We recognize the hardships that sequestration is likely to cause and thank you for your cooperation as we work together to manage these unfortunate circumstances. We value the important work that you do and appreciate your dedication to the security and resilience of the Nation. As always, your thoughts, questions and concerns are welcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Kaufman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Kaufman
Acting Assistant Administrator
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