



# Michigan State Police

## Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

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#### **Supplemental Appropriation Related to Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA DR-4121-MI) and December 2013 Ice Storm**

On March 14, 2014, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 34 of 2014 (Senate Bill 608), appropriating state funds to provide financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities affected by the severe and widespread flooding in April and May 2013 and the December 2013 ice storm. This Informational Bulletin outlines the requirements for receiving state funds from the appropriation.

#### **2013 Flooding Disaster Appropriation**

President Barack Obama declared on June 18, 2013, a major disaster area for 16 counties across Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas due to the severe and widespread flooding that occurred from April 16 to May 14, 2013. The affected counties were Allegan, Barry, Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Ionia, Kent, Keweenaw, Marquette, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ontonagon, Osceola, Ottawa, and Saginaw.

Public Act 34 of 2014 appropriates \$2.31 million to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to provide assistance to applicants identified as eligible under the Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA DR-4121-MI). The funding through this appropriation will provide half of the 25 percent local match requirement necessary to receive federal assistance payments for approved disaster-related projects under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant Program.

All applicants identified with eligible FEMA Project Worksheets under FEMA DR-4121-MI received a grant agreement package from the MSP/EMHSD. This package included all of the documentation and forms required for requesting reimbursement under the federal declaration. The process to request reimbursement of eligible expenses is detailed in the State of Michigan Public Assistance Grant Agreement FEMA DR-4121-MI, specifically under "Responsibilities of the Subgrantee" (Section IV) and "Payment Process" (Section VII).

Once all work identified on the FEMA Project Worksheet has been accomplished, eligible applicants must sign, complete, and submit the Project Completion and Certification Report (P.4) form requesting payment. The P.4 form was previously discussed and provided as a part of the MSP/EMHSD-provided grant agreement package. Reimbursement of half of the 25 percent local match requirement under the appropriation will be made to eligible applicants by the MSP/EMHSD based on: the approved FEMA Project Worksheet; project completion; and receipt of all substantiating documentation and forms outlined in the grant agreement.

Questions regarding the grant reimbursement process related to FEMA DR-4121-MI should be directed to Ms. Sandy Long at (517) 333-4286 or [LongS7@michigan.gov](mailto:LongS7@michigan.gov).

#### **Ice Storm Tree-Related Damage and Debris Removal Appropriation**

In an effort to alleviate the financial burden placed upon the counties and municipalities impacted by the ice storm that occurred on December 22 and 23, 2013, Public Act 34 of 2014 appropriated \$1 million to help fund the cleanup of tree-related damage and debris. The MSP/EMHSD is currently developing guidance and criteria that will enable appropriate distribution of these funds.

Questions concerning the ice storm debris removal appropriation and this Informational Bulletin should be directed to Ms. Penny Burger at (517) 333-5046 or [BurgerP@michigan.gov](mailto:BurgerP@michigan.gov).