

VDEM EM Fall Forum & VEMA Legislative Committee Discussion
September 28, 2016 &
October 19, 2016
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Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Virginia's Legislative 101
- III. Overview of Development of Legislative Package Items
 - a. Dedicated Funding Stream for Emergency Management
 - b. Auxiliary Power Sources for assisted living & nursing homes
 - c. Local EMs reviewing Care Facility Emergency plans
- IV. Feedback & Input on Legislative Package
- V. Future Legislative Package Items
- VI. Communication Methods with Members
- VII. VEMA Legislative Day
- VIII. Adjournment

EM Funding Stream

Based on a 2% fee on all homeowner insurance policies issued within the Commonwealth. Using 2011 figures should provide approximately 37 million per year.

The \$37 million would be divided into three separate pots of money.

One third, approximately \$12.3 million would be placed in a catastrophic disaster fund with a cap of \$50 million. This money would be used to provide assistance when there was a delay in obtaining a federal declaration or when one was not granted, e.g., Louisa earthquake, Washington Co tornados.

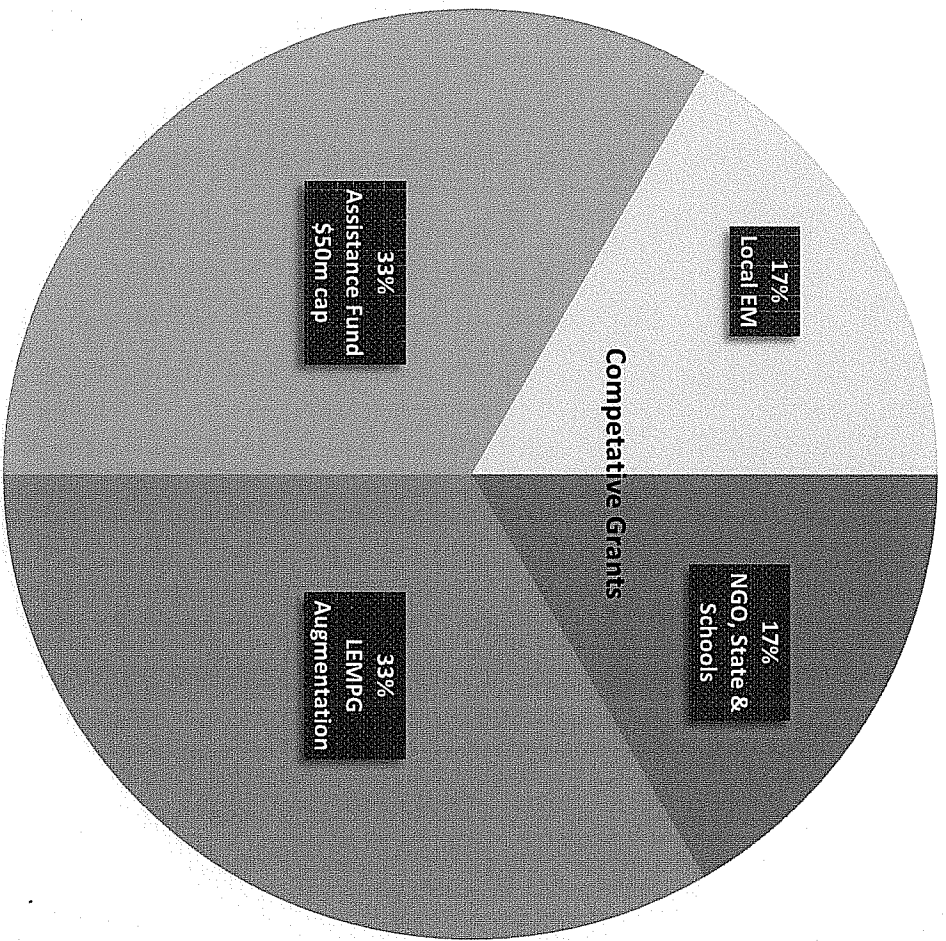
- The money (\$50 mil) would be fenced from use for any other purposes.
- Money accumulated above the \$50 million cap would be made available to VDEM for use in state-wide projects that enhance preparedness and response.

The second pot of money (approx. \$12.3 mil) would be used to augment the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) with each jurisdiction receiving a share based solely on the population of that jurisdiction and would be in addition to what is currently provided under the LEMPG. VDEM could expand the current annual Scope of Work for jurisdictions receiving funding to account for the increase in funding.

The third pot of money (approx. \$12.3 mil) would be used for competitive grants and broken down into two eligible groups.

- The first group would consist of local jurisdictions with an active emergency management program. This group would be afforded half of the funding (\$6.15 mil) for projects that contributed to the enhancement of the emergency management program based on priorities set by VDEM.
- The second group would consist of state agencies, NGOs, schools, colleges, and universities. This group would be afforded half of the funding (\$6.15 mil) for projects that contributed to the enhancement of the emergency management program based on priorities set by VDEM.

EM Funding Stream - approx. \$37m



Care Facility Emergency Plans

In 2011 working with members of the various State regulating agencies (VDH, VDSS, DOE, DJJ) we developed an emergency plan review criteria. The criteria identified over a hundred points for review and cross-referenced them as either a regulation requirement or emergency management suggested item. This criteria was available on the VDEM webpage for some time following development.

Also in 2011 a bill was drafted and sponsored which allowed emergency management offices the opportunity to review and suggest amendments to emergency plans of care facilities. Local agencies would notify the care facility if their plan did or did not conform to applicable regulations. It further allowed the reviewing agency to charge up to \$150 for the review with the exception of publicly funded and operated facilities.

The bill was presented to the Health, Welfare and Institutions Committee of the House but did not receive a consensus to move forward.

The law was changed later however to allow emergency management the authority to conduct a plan review and suggest amendments to emergency plans of care facilities. What has been lacking is any motivation for a facility to actually make changes to their plans.

The VEMA Legislative Committee would like to pursue bringing this change again with additional language providing a penalty for a plan found in non-compliance such as license suspension.