



NEMA Legislative Memo
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H.R. 2017

To: NEMA Membership

From: Albert Ashwood, Legislative Committee Chairman

Bill Number & Title:

H.R. 2017, Introduced May 26, 2011

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012

Companion Bills:

None at this time

Sponsor:

Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)

Status:

Passed by the House June 2, 2011 (231-188)

Currently Ready for Senate Consideration

NEMA Position:

NEMA supports several provisions of this appropriations bill, but many issues remain which must be addressed. A letter was sent to Chairman Aderholt and Congressman Price (Ranking Member) addressing some concerns and suggestions for a way forward. Among the few amendments adopted during debate on the House floor, NEMA supported one. The initial version of the bill limited the number of eligible UASI cities to 10. NEMA supported removing this provision and the amendment was adopted.

Bill Summary:

Some of the provisions include:

- Recommended reform of State and Local Programs including a substantial reduction in funding; a reorganization of the program with funding administered at the discretion of the Secretary; a mandate for a plan to drawdown all unexpended balances by the end of fiscal year 2012; and a withholding of 50% of funding for the Secretary's Office and Executive Management until the submission of the requirements recently outlined in the new PDD-8.
- A \$1,229,500,000 reduction from fiscal year 2011 levels for State and Local Programs and massive consolidation of the suite of homeland security grants.
- Allows the transfer of up to 10 percent of grant funds to FEMA's Management and Administration account. This is a significant increase from 4 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 5.8 percent in fiscal year 2011.
- Directs FEMA to fully comply with the 9/11 Act and prevent further limiting the amount of funds that can be used to pay the salaries and expenses for intelligence analysts.
- UASI was originally limited to 10 cities, but an amendment removed this provision.
- Significant language dedicated to EMPG and the benefits of the 50/50 match as well as the commitment to maintain the program separate from other grants.
- An increase to the DRF of \$850 million and instructions for reevaluating the estimation process.
- PDM is reduced another \$10 million from fiscal year 2011 levels due to more than \$105 million remaining unspent.

	2012 Recommendation	Difference from 2011
FEMA Management & Administration	\$982,989,000	(\$87,413,000)
Emergency Management Institute	\$9,000,000	Same
State & Local Programs	\$1,000,000	(\$1,229,500,000)
Operation Stonegarden	\$55,000,000	Same
Training, Exercises, Technical Assistance, and “other programs”	\$192,663,000	(\$56,837,000)
National Domestic Preparedness Consortium	\$44,500,000	(\$48,500,000)
Center for Domestic Preparedness	\$62,500,000	Same
National Exercise Program	\$40,000,000	\$2,000,000
Technical Assistance	\$10,000,000	(\$3,000,000)
Continuing Training Grants	\$25,663,000	(\$3,337,000)
Evaluations & Assessments	\$10,000,000	(\$4,000,000)
Emergency Management Assistance Compact	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Firefighter Assistance Grants	\$680,000,000	(\$140,000,000)
Emergency Management Performance Grants	\$350,000,000	\$10,000,000
Disaster Relief Fund	\$2,650,000,000	Same
Flood Hazard Mapping & Risk Analysis	\$102,712,000	(\$79,288,000)
National Flood Insurance	\$22,000,000	(\$145,000)
Predisaster Mitigation Grant Program	\$40,000,000	(\$10,000,000)
DHS Headquarters Consolidation	\$0	(\$77,400,000)
Infrastructure Protections & Information Security	\$891,243,000	\$50,799,000
Office of Infrastructure Protection	\$302,278,000	(\$20,819,000)
National Cyber Security Division	\$438,600,000	\$75,547,000
Science & Technology	\$140,565,000	(\$635,000)

The Legislative Committee and NEMA-DC office stand ready to assist you with requests for any additional information.

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