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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: Cloudy Budget Season

It seems the excitement of the beginning of the new congressional session has been put to the past as we are settling into the commonplace of what the 118<sup>th</sup> will look like. The chatter in the Capitol has been surrounding the release of President Biden's [FY24 Executive Budget](#). What was released yesterday included very high-level talking points and overarching priorities. The expected detailed budget analysis documents are not due to be available until next week. Once that's made available, a full summary of emergency management priorities will be provided to NEMA members.

The budget release was met with a resounding "meh" out of the House of Representatives with Speaker McCarthy calling the document "dead on arrival." The House majority is due to release their own version of a budget in the coming weeks. The Appropriations process should begin in earnest in that Chamber as well with April and May seeing many hearings and mark-ups. We're expecting to see House marks for the 12 appropriations bills prior to the July 4 Recess.

### Hearings the Week of March 13, 2023

#### [The President's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal](#)

Senate Committee on Budget

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:15am ET

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

### FEMA Publishes Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funding Notice

On March 1, FEMA published the FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program on Grants.gov. This funding opportunity makes approximately \$233 million available to support 100 resilience-related projects nationwide. This funding is in addition to the amounts provided through other FEMA hazard mitigation grant programs for projects that support growing needs nationwide to make communities more resilient to natural hazards.

Most of the projects focus on infrastructure improvements to stormwater, drainage, sewer and levee systems and dams to make communities and tribes more resilient from flooding. Others address hazards like tsunamis, seismic activity, landslides and wildfires.

More information about the PDM program can be found [here](#).

### ASPR Releases Cybersecurity Implementation Guide

On Wednesday, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) released a guide to help the public and private health care sectors prevent cybersecurity incidents. The Cybersecurity Framework Implementation Guide provides specific steps that health care organizations can take immediately to manage cyber risks to their information technology systems.

Using this guide, health care organizations can assess their current cybersecurity practices and risks – identifying gaps for remediation. The guide serves as a roadmap for health care and private health sector organizations to implement the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, including:

- Guiding risk management principles and best practices
- Providing common language to address and manage cybersecurity risk
- Outlining a structure for organizations to understand and apply cybersecurity risk management
- Identifying effective standards, guidelines, and practices to manage cybersecurity risk cost-effectively based on business needs

More information can be found in the ASPR [press release](#).

### FEMA Announces Updates to the National Risk Index

In late March, FEMA will release major updates to the National Risk Index. Updates will include Census 2020 data and geographies, risk assessment for U.S. territories, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability data, shifting all scores to percentiles, adding risk metrics for trend analyses and more.

FEMA is hosting two webinar sessions before the release to preview the updates and review any impacts to the data services. Webinars will be held:

March 15 at 1 p.m. ET. [Registration link](#)

March 20 at 12:00 p.m. ET. [Registration link](#)

This webinar is for those who use the National Risk Index data and reporting or have integrated the application's data, GIS services or information into any tools or applications. This may include emergency managers, planners, GIS developers, community stakeholders, state, local and federal agencies, commercial organizations and more.

### DHS Releases Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Notice of Funding

On Tuesday, DHS released the Fiscal Year 2023 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Administered by the DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the TVTP Grant Program supports local communities in their efforts to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. CP3 provides \$20 million in funding for projects run by state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies, nonprofits, and universities. The applications are due to be submitted at Grants.gov on April 25, 2023. DHS will announce the FY23 TVTP Grant Program awards in September 2023.

Additional information can be found on the [DHS website](#).

### FEMA Receives Another Record-Setting Request for Resilience Funding

In its annual grant cycle, FEMA received another record-setting request for funding through two grant programs that aim to enhance disaster resiliency. State, local, tribal, and territorial governments requested a total for \$5.63 billion for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs.

The agency has begun reviewing submissions and anticipates releasing a more detailed analysis in the future. FEMA will convene subject matter experts from other federal agencies, state, local, tribal and territorial governments to support the reviews to increase transparency in decision-making, while building mitigation capability and partnerships.

The agency will announce set-aside selections for states, tribes and territories in May. National competition selections will be later this summer.

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

Homeland Security News Wire: [Building a Database on Public Response to Severe Weather Hazards](#)

Relief Web: [Adapting social protection systems to build disaster and climate resilience for all](#)

EDF: [FEMA's Community Rating System is Crucial in Mitigating Flood Damages](#)

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