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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: A Week Full of Questions

The focus this week in Congress has been on the Senate Judiciary Committee as they completed a marathon of questions for President Biden's Supreme Court Justice Nominee, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. The typical partisan shenanigans ensued right away, but all signs point to a successful confirmation. In meantime, however, most other activity on Capital Hill is taking a back seat. A vote to confirm the nomination is not expected until April 4, 2022, at the moment.

Before that, we are expecting President Biden to release his FY2023 Executive Budget on Monday, March 28. This will be followed by hearings by both Budget Committees on Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday, March 30. Next week is shaping up to be a whirlwind on the Hill and we will make sure to keep everyone in the know regarding EM-centric budget priorities!

We look forward to seeing everyone who is registered at our NEMA Mid-Year Emergency Management Leadership & Policy Forum next week!

### Hearings the Week of March 28, 2022

#### [Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cyber Division](#)

House Committee on the Judiciary  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 10:00am ET

#### [The President's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget](#)

House Committee on the Budget  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 10:00am ET

#### [Mobilizing our Cyber Defenses: Securing Critical Infrastructure Against Russian Cyber Threats](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 10:00am ET

#### [Hearing including discussion on S. 3677, Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act](#)

Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11:00am ET

#### [The President's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal](#)

Senate Committee on the Budget  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11:00am ET

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

### FEMA Hosts Continuity in Action Webinar

FEMA will host a webinar on the implementation of continuity strategies during disasters. Join FEMA and the Naval Support Activity Bethesda to discuss continuity of essential functions after the Naval Support Activity Bethesda firehouse caught on fire in 2019. The webinar will be at 1:30 p.m. ET on March 30 for a one-hour discussion on continuity strategies and implementation.

To register for the webinar, visit [FEMA's Eventbrite webpage](#). Visit [FEMA's Continuity Resource Toolkit](#) for additional information and resources for continuity.

### FEMA Announces Flood Mitigation Funding Opportunity

This week, FEMA published a funding notice on Grants.gov for the Swift Current initiative, making an estimated total of \$60 million available to the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. To launch the initiative, FEMA identified four states affected by Hurricane Ida, one of the most powerful and rapidly intensifying storms to hit the United States in recent years. The initiative's goal is to obligate flood mitigation dollars for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)-insured and substantially damaged properties as quickly and equitably as possible after a disaster event. These funds help protect buildings and comply with local community requirements through property acquisition and demolition, floodproofing, relocation and elevation.

Swift Current is a FEMA initiative within the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program that seeks to expedite awards after a flooding event and reduce the complexity of the application process. The application period opens April 1 and closes October 3. To be eligible, buildings must be insured through the National Flood Insurance Program for FEMA to consider them for this funding opportunity.

### Learn About "Arts and Adaptation" During a Resilience Exchange Lunch Discussion

The Resilient Nation Partnership Network's next "Resilience Exchange" is a discussion about the many intersections between adaptation and the arts. Featured Speakers include:

- Golden Triangle Business Improvement District (DC) Executive Director Leona Agouridis.
- FEMA Region 2 Supervisory Community Planner Jack Heide.
- Majestic Collaborations Co-Founder Matthew Ché Kowal.
- Justice + Joy Consulting Founding Director Mallory Rukhsana Nezam.

This free event will take place at 1 p.m. ET Wednesday, March 30. More information about the each speaker and participation details are on the [registration](#) page.

### Meetings To Implement Pandemic Response Voluntary Agreement

This week, a notice was submitted to the Federal Register announcing that FEMA is holding meetings under the Plan of Action to Establish a National Strategy for the Manufacture, Allocation, and Distribution of Medical Devices to Respond to COVID-19 and the Plan of Action to Establish a National Strategy for the Manufacture, Allocation, and Distribution of Drug Products, Drug Substances, and Associated Medical Devices to Respond to COVID-19, in order to implement the Voluntary Agreement for the Manufacture and Distribution of Critical Healthcare Resources Necessary to Respond to a Pandemic.

The meetings will be on April 7, 2022. The full notice can be found [here](#).

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

PBS: [U.N. Aims To Give Every Person On Earth Access To Natural Disaster Early Warning Systems](#)

HSToday: [FEMA Announces 90/10 Cost Share Adjustment for Major Disaster and Emergency Declarations](#)

USAID: [USAID Announces Administrator Samantha Power Will Co-Lead a Global Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure to Protect Communities Vulnerable to Disasters](#)

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