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Legislative Update:

FY26 Presidential Budget Request

On May 2, 2025, the White House released a letter to House and Senate Appropriators that outlined some top-level funding priorities for FY26. The document lacked detail about how reductions like the \$646 million to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would impact the agency. On Friday, May 30, a more complete picture of the FY26 budget request began to emerge.

Of the government-wide \$163 billion (22 percent) reductions proposed for non-Defense spending, this memo summarizes the impacts to programs primarily touching the homeland security and emergency management space.

DHS-Wide Summary

The request includes an additional \$4.6 billion overall for DHS over FY25 enacted levels, while the discretionary amounts are largely level with FY25. The request is meant to complement the reconciliation bill currently under consideration by Congress. Overall, the bill provides \$63.6 billion in net discretionary funding, which is a two-percent decrease from FY25 enacted levels. When combined with non-discretionary amounts (e.g., FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund), the total amount requested for the Department is \$115.5 billion.

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

The request includes \$495 million in reductions to CISA from FY25 enacted levels. The reductions are meant to refocus CISA on mission critical work. These include eliminating election security and mis-, dis-, and mal- information work; eliminating the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulatory program; eliminating the bombing prevention and school safety programs (shifting responsibility to state and local governments); and reprioritizing cybersecurity work to the protection of federal networks.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The request includes an additional \$3.944 billion for FEMA, the majority of which is reserved for the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). Highlights include:

- A chart outlining all grant funding recommendations is attached to this memo.
 - The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is level-funded to FY25 enacted levels.
 - Reductions are proposed for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (\$117M), Urban Area Security Initiative (\$138M), Port (\$40M), and Transit grants (\$45M). A proposed 25 percent cost share is also included, essentially maintaining funding at FY25 enacted levels.
 - Reductions or eliminations for non-disaster grants including elimination of the Shelter and Services Program (\$650M), the Targeting Violence and Terrorism Prevention grants (\$18M), Emergency Food and Shelter (\$117M), the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (\$91M), and Alternative to Detention Case Management Pilot Program (\$15M).
- The request proposes a \$102M reduction in training and education programs including:
 - \$91M reduction to the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium;
 - \$1M increase to the Center for Domestic Preparedness;
 - \$1.4M decrease to the Emergency Management Institute;
 - \$4M increase to the U.S. Fire Academy; and
 - Level funding for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.
- \$3M in improvements in incident management planning, assessment, and policy development for capabilities and preparedness efforts for World Cup 2026 and America's Semiquincentennial anniversary celebration events.
- Elimination of all funding related to Executive Orders 14148 and 14151, which addressed climate change and equity initiatives.
- Sustained-level funding for all 10 FEMA regions.

Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)

The DRF funding is calculated annually based on three components: a 10-year average of disaster relief funding provided in prior years that excludes the highest and lowest years; 5.0 percent of Stafford Act amounts designated as emergency requirements since 2012; and carryover from the previous year. The amount identified from this calculation is considered the maximum allowable amount that DHS can request for the DRF in addition to other U.S. government funding for disaster relief.

Funding for the DRF for FY26 is calculated to be \$26.5B, an increase of \$3.9B over FY25 enacted levels.

Helpful Links:

- [DHS Overview](#)
- [FEMA Congressional Justification](#)
- [CISA Congressional Justification](#)

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY			
(in millions)	FY24 Enacted	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Request
Operations & Support	1,484	1,484	1,500
Procurement, Construction, and Improvements	100	100	156
Federal Assistance	3,497	3,203	2,594
State Homeland Security Grant Program	468	468	351**
Operation Stonegarden	(81)	(81)	(140)
Tribal Homeland Security Grants	(14)	(14)	(0) [†]
Urban Area Security Initiative	554	554	416**
Non-Profit Security Grant Program	275	275	275
Public Transportation Security Assistance	95	95	50**
Port Security	90	90	50**
Assistance to Firefighters (SAFER/AFG)	648	648	648
Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)	320	320	320
RiskMAP	281	281	281
Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants	11	11	0
Emergency Food & Shelter	117	117	0
Next Generation Warning System	40	40	0
Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending	294	0	0
Alternatives to Detention Case Management (by transfer)	(15)	(15)	(0)
Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (by transfer)	(18)	(18)	(0)
Shelter and Service Program (by transfer)	(650)	(650)	(0)
Training & Exercises	306	306	204
Center for Domestic Preparedness	(71)	(71)	(72)
Center for Homeland Defense and Security	(16)	(16)	(16)
Emergency Management Institute	(32)	(32)	(31)
U.S. Fire Academy	(60)	(60)	(64)
National Domestic Preparedness Consortium	(91)	(91)	(0)
Continuing Training	(14)	(14)	(0)
National Exercise Program	(21)	(21)	(20)
Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)	20,261	22,510	26,474
Base Disaster Relief	0*	0*	0*
Disaster Cap Adjustment	(20,261)	(22,510)	(26,474)
Rescission of Prior Year Funds	(0)	(0)	(0)

* Utilizes carryover balances from previous year
 ** Includes statutory language requiring 25 percent cost share, taking full investment to FY25 enacted
 † The Presidential Request incorporates the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program funding into the broader State Homeland Security Grant Program

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