Public Law 115–87
115th Congress

An Act

To ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s current efforts to
modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and trans-
parency, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Accountability, Moderniza-
tion and Transparency Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal Emergency
Management Agency shall ensure the ongoing modernization of
the grant systems for the administration of assistance under the
Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
(42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) includes the following:

(1) An online interface, including online assistance, for
applicants to complete application forms, submit materials, and
access the status of applications.

(2) Mechanisms to eliminate duplication of benefits.

(3) If appropriate, enable the sharing of information among
agencies and with State, local, and tribal governments, to elimi-
nate the need to file multiple applications and speed disaster
recovery.

(4) Any additional tools the Administrator determines will
improve the implementation of this section.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To the extent practicable, the Adminis-
trator shall deliver the system capabilities described in subsection
(a) in increments or iterations as working components for applicant
use.

SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.

No additional funds are authorized to carry out the require-
ments of this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using
amounts otherwise authorized.

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