

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7671

AN ACT

To amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Management
3 Costs Modernization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT COSTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 324 of the Robert T.
6 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 5165b) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
10 and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and
11 adjusting the margins accordingly; and

12 (B) in the matter preceding clause (i), as
13 so redesignated, by striking “provide the fol-
14 lowing percentage rates” and inserting “pro-
15 vide—

16 “(A) excess funds for management costs as
17 described in subsection (c); and

18 “(B) the following percentage rates”;

19 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
20 section (d); and

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(c) USE OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT
24 COSTS.—

1 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
2 ‘excess funds for management costs’ means the dif-
3 ference between—

4 “(A) the amount of the applicable specific
5 management costs authorized under subsection
6 (b)(1) and subsection (b)(2)(B); and

7 “(B) as of the date on which the grant
8 award is closed, the amount of funding for
9 management costs activities expended by the
10 grantee or subgrantee receiving the financial as-
11 sistance for costs described in subparagraph
12 (A).

13 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR
14 MANAGEMENT COSTS.—The President may make
15 available to a grantee or subgrantee receiving finan-
16 cial assistance under section 403, 404, 406, 407, or
17 502 any excess funds for management costs.

18 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Excess funds for man-
19 agement costs made available to a grantee or sub-
20 grantee under paragraph (2) may be used for—

21 “(A) activities associated with building ca-
22 pacity to prepare for, recover from, or mitigate
23 the impacts of a major disaster or emergency
24 declared under section 401 or 501, respectively;
25 and

1 “(B) management costs associated with
2 any—

3 “(i) major disaster;

4 “(ii) emergency;

5 “(iii) disaster preparedness measure;

6 or

7 “(iv) mitigation activity or measure
8 authorized under section 203, 204, 205, or
9 404.

10 “(4) AVAILABILITY.—Excess funds for manage-
11 ment costs made available to a grantee or sub-
12 grantee under paragraph (2) shall remain available
13 to the grantee or subgrantee until the date that is
14 5 years after the date on which the excess funds for
15 management costs are made available under para-
16 graph (2).”.

17 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
18 section (a) shall apply with respect to any grant award
19 in relation to a major disaster or emergency declared
20 under section 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T.
21 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 5170, 5191)—

23 (1) the declaration of which is made on or after
24 the date of enactment of this Act; and

1 (2) that is funded with amounts appropriated
2 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (c) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
5 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
6 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
7 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
8 ture of the House of Representatives a report—

9 (1) on the actual management costs described
10 in section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
11 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
12 5165b) during the period of a major disaster dec-
13 laration under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 5170) to determine whether the amount set aside for
15 those management costs after the date of enactment
16 of this Act is appropriate; and

17 (2) that includes the management costs de-
18 scribed in section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
19 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
20 U.S.C. 5165b) for each disaster declared under dur-
21 ing the period of a major disaster declaration under
22 section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) during the
23 5-year period preceding the date of the report, the
24 amount set aside for those management costs, the
25 use of those management costs, the length of each

1 disaster, and the reason for the length of each dis-
2 aster.

3 (d) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the amend-
5 ments made by subsection (a).

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Attest:

Clerk.

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