

**Volunteer Fire Dept and Rescue Squad Grants,
Maryland Emergency Management Agency**
\$4.0 Million (D50H01.06)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The agency shall distribute the amount authorized as grants to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads that have lost revenue due to COVID-19 and have not received other relief from sources such as county, federal, or other State aid. MEMA shall advertise the grants authorized under this paragraph to all volunteer stations in the State.

June 2 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- To date, nine (9) work group meetings have been held regarding the application process and related matters. Applications were disseminated to each county fire/rescue association on Wednesday 10 March 2021. To date, 176 fire and EMS applications have been received for consideration of funding. Deadline to apply was April 23, 2021. The application review process commenced March 28, 2021. Payments to departments coordinated by the Maryland Military Department Finance Office will begin in early June 2021.

June 2 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- The work group reviewing the applications has advised there are challenges reviewing the applications due to lack of clarity with the information provided to support loss of revenue in 2020. Announcement regarding the distribution of funding for eligible fire and EMS departments will be made later in May or in early June 2021.