

**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 30 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:**

- To date, 10 work group meetings have been held regarding the application process and related matters. Applications were disseminated to each county fire/rescue association on Wednesday March 10, 2021. Through May 1, 2021, **180 fire and EMS applications** have been received for consideration of funding. The application review process commenced March 28, 2021. Total estimated losses received from the applicants: \$11,634,866.67. From this the work group reviewing the applications and losses will determine the amount each eligible company/department will receive from the total of \$4 million provided. Payments to departments coordinated by the Maryland Military Department Finance Office will commence in early to mid-July. We are currently determining how many companies/departments are currently in the State system which can be processed without delay. During the next week we will narrow down the companies/departments requiring further information to process payments. All requests should be transmitted to GAD by mid-July 2021 for processing payments.

**June 30 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:**

- The work group reviewing the applications advised there were challenges reviewing the applications due to lack of clarity with the information provided to support loss of revenue in 2020. Of the applications received, more than 150 clearly did not indicate loss of revenue for CY 2020. Further research and contact with the applicants resulted in a delay in the process of more than three (3) weeks.

**June 30 – Distribution of Funds:**

- A detailed review of applications received and awarded is available in a separate data document.