

**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.

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

- In conjunction with the Maryland Military Department and Maryland State Firemen's Association leadership, MEMA developed a grant distribution process. The criteria and application form have been finalized and briefings on the fund, its purpose, the distribution process, and other detail was provided to local emergency managers. In addition, notifications have been sent to each county volunteer fire association president or presiding official. The applications will be sent to local emergency managers by the end of this week and are due back to MEMA not later than April 23, 2021.
- Dissemination of grant funds is expected beginning mid-May.