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DATE: April 3, 2020
TO: West Virginia EMS Agencies
FROM: Vicki L. Hildreth, BA, NREMT, Program Manager *Vicki L. Hildreth*
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RE: Fire Department and EMS Funding Opportunity

As all fire and emergency medical services (EMS) organizations are engaged in community-wide efforts to respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency. Below could have a significant negative impact on organizational and community budgets.

President Trump's national emergency declaration covers this event beginning Jan. 27, 2020, until a future date. Guidance to support communities in prevention, response, and recovery is being finalized to include fiscal support.

One prominent way your department can obtain fiscal support is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant Program. While states and FEMA are writing more specific directives, the following information will guide local leaders in obtaining support.

The Link where to access information regarding the Fire Department and EMS funding opportunity is: https://www.usfa.fema.gov/coronavirus/public_assistance_grants.html

Thank you for all you are doing for your communities. As always, stay safe and healthy!

cc: Walter Ivey, PE, Deputy Commissioner for Health Protection, Bureau for Public Health
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