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Fellow Emergency Managers,

In March, we launched a major campaign to improve funding for the National Weather Service (NWS), and your participation had a noticeable impact on Capitol Hill. In April, we learned that the DHS grant funds that support emergency management programs would receive cuts that average about 9% across the board for the FY24 budget year (Oct. 2023-Sept. 2024). Two months later, we are finally seeing the consequences of those cuts. While IAEM, NEMA, BCEM, and others have had some success reversing these cuts in the initial FY25 budget planning, the appropriations process is still playing out, and nothing is guaranteed.

To help solidify our position, we need your help!

Our first task was to gather your stories about how the funding cuts have directly impacted your organization. If you haven't provided your story, we encourage you to do that [here](#). There is no deadline for submitting; you can also submit multiple impact stories.

Our second request is that you repeat the process you did with the NWS by contacting the elected officials who represent your community and asking them to vote to restore all FEMA's grant programs to full funding for FY25. Click [here](#) for the contact information for your elected officials. Your target audience should be:

- US Senators
- US Representative
- State Representatives
- Governor of your state

A letter template can be found [here](#) to help with your outreach efforts. Feel free to use it, or you may write one of your own. If you need additional information or support, please let us know. We would also like to hear about conversations or exchanges you have with these elected officials so that we can help gauge the impact of this effort.

Are you working on your Initial Certification or Recertification? Follow the instructions in the [Application Guidebook](#) to count this as a Legislative Contact Professional Contribution.

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