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Dear Member:

In April, we learned that the DHS grant funds that support 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 process continues, and nothing is guaranteed.

To help solidify our position, **we need your help!**

We are kicking off a grassroots campaign to help legislators understand the vital importance of funding our emergency management programs. This campaign will start with two actions:

1. A **survey** to understand how these funding cuts impact your program.
2. **Outreach tools** to help you advocate for your programs at the local, state and national level.

ACTION NEEDED

With this message, we begin the survey phase. IAEM needs to know how these funding cuts are impacting your program. Please complete our survey to share specific stories that demonstrate the impacts of the funding cuts. As we collect these stories, we will look for trends or powerful examples to develop talking points, position papers or advocacy materials. All examples will remain anonymous unless IAEM receives your express permission to name your agency or organization.

[Begin the Survey.](#)

While there is no immediate deadline, please provide impact stories as soon as possible. Submit multiple stories as they are identified. The more data and information we have, the better case IAEM can make for emergency management grant budget needs.

If you want to refresh your memory on the last Government Affairs updates:

- [US GAC News.](#)
- [IAEM Letters, Statements and Testimony.](#)
- Look back through the IAEMconnect Government Affairs group.

More to come soon!

The Government Affairs Committee Leadership Team