

Match estimate for the Summer 2023 Floods

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All figures are preliminary and subject to change.

ERAF – Emergency Relief Assistance Fund – A state fund managed by Vermont Emergency Management under a rule promulgated by the Agency of Administration. Provides State match for between 30% and 70% of local match resulting from a declared disaster. Average coverage is 50% of local match.

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

VEM – Vermont Emergency Management

PA 404 – Hazard mitigation grant funding that is used to address at-risk sites that were not damaged. This funding could be used for residential buyouts or flood-plain mitigation among other things. Administered by VEM and requires application to FEMA by January of 2025 to draw down the grant funds.

The current estimate of total damage is **\$600M** and will fluctuate but is more likely to increase than decrease before finalizing. Rough estimate for increase **\$20M** to bring the total to **\$620M**.

\$410M State – This amount is the cost of damage and repair to the level required by Vermont codes and standards.

- **\$40M** insurance payments
- **\$333M** FEMA
- **\$37M** State match
- (see ERAF note below)

\$210M Municipal - This amount is the cost of damage and repair to the level required by Vermont codes and standards.

- **\$10M** insurance payments

- **\$180M** FEMA
- **\$20M** municipal
 - ~**\$10M** paid by municipalities.
 - ~**\$10M** paid by State, based on historical ERAF averages.

PA 404 = \$620M (total damage) - \$50M (insurance) = \$570M (total PA eligible) * .9 (FEMA portion) = \$513M*.15 (formula in federal law) = \$77M of additional funds which require a 25% match (**\$25.6M** of state or local match).

FEMA Swift Current program - \$40M of additional funding for buyouts – that will require **\$13.3M** of state or local match.

The summer floods, and subsequent rebuilding and mitigation efforts through FEMA programs, will require over **\$90M** of state or local match with over **\$50M** coming from the State and at least **\$10M** from municipalities. Projects will need to be identified and initiated in FY24 and FY25 with execution spanning into FY26.

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