



STATE OF VERMONT

2023 Flood Recovery in Vermont

Leveraging FEMA Federal Funds

December 2023



1. BACKGROUND: VERMONT'S FLOOD EXPERIENCE

BRIEFING AGENDA

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- 2. Flood Recovery**
- 3. Building Long-term Flood Resilience**



JULY 2023 SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING

Catastrophic flash and river flooding that caused washout of roads and bridges, landslides and mudslides, and loss of property

- Damage was widespread across the State:
 - Communities near the Winooski and Lamoille rivers (and their tributaries) suffered widespread damage to homes and businesses.
 - Towns near the Green Mountains, including Londonderry, Weston, Ludlow, Johnson, and Hardwick, were hard-hit.
 - The Missisquoi basin in northern Vermont and the Upper Passumpsic basin in the Northeast Kingdom also experienced large-scale inundation flooding.
- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) went into full activation on July 10, 2023.
- Federal Disaster # DR4720 declared for July 7 – 21, 2023

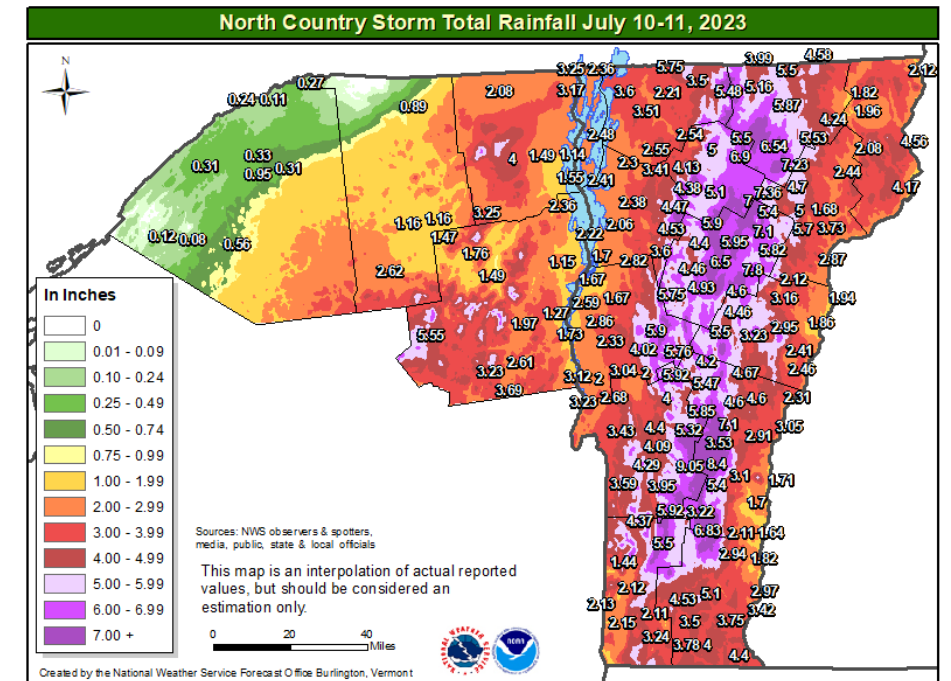


JULY 2023 SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING

DR-4720 already rivals Tropical Storm Irene's physical and financial damages– and costs continue to grow

Comparison	Tropical Storm Irene (2011)	DR4720 (2023)
Incident Period	Aug 27, 2011 - Sep 2, 2011	July 7, 2023 - July 21, 2023
Number of applicants seeking FEMA PA assistance	>300	210
# of counties declared for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA)	14 (PA) 12 (IA)	12 (PA) 9 (IA)
PA Damages	\$216M	\$500M+*
IA Claimed	\$23M	\$24M+*

* Sources: Figures for DR4720 are only an **estimate** because many applicants are still finalizing their damages. Final claimed amounts will also be adjusted for insurance at a later stage.

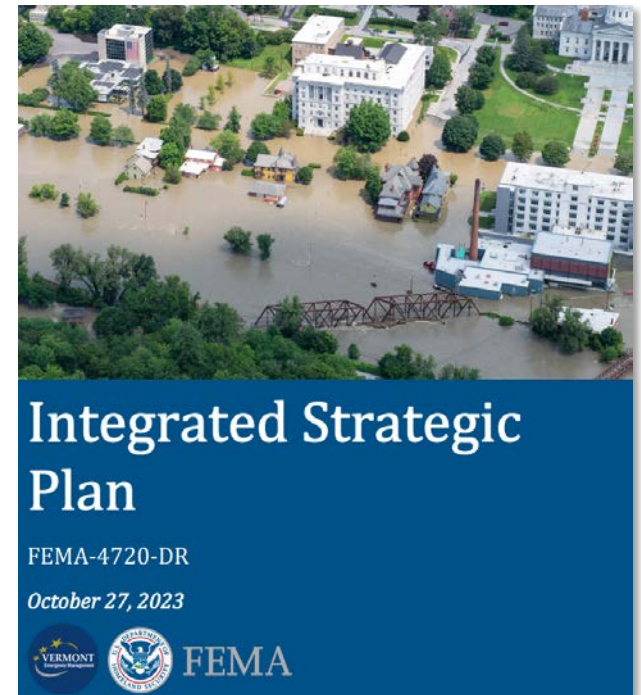


2. FLOOD RECOVERY

DEFINING RECOVERY

“Sequence of interdependent, and often concurrent, activities that progressively advance a community toward its planned outcomes.”

- The **State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP)** forms the basis of the State of Vermont emergency management system
- The **State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP)** presents the State’s mitigation strategy to reduce or eliminate significant risks
- The **Integrated Strategic Plan (ISP)** outlines the joint state and federal strategies agreed upon by VEM and FEMA
- Includes the collaboration of all state agencies and departments that have operational responsibilities and capabilities across five mission areas—**Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery**



RECOVERY GOALS AND PRIORITIES

*“The statewide response and recovery to the July and August 2023 flooding is **community-centered** and focused on the **revitalization** of impacted jurisdictions with close **support and guidance** from the State through every phase of the journey towards **renewal and resilience.**”*

Individual Recovery

Assistance projected directly to impacted individuals: including businesses and non-profits

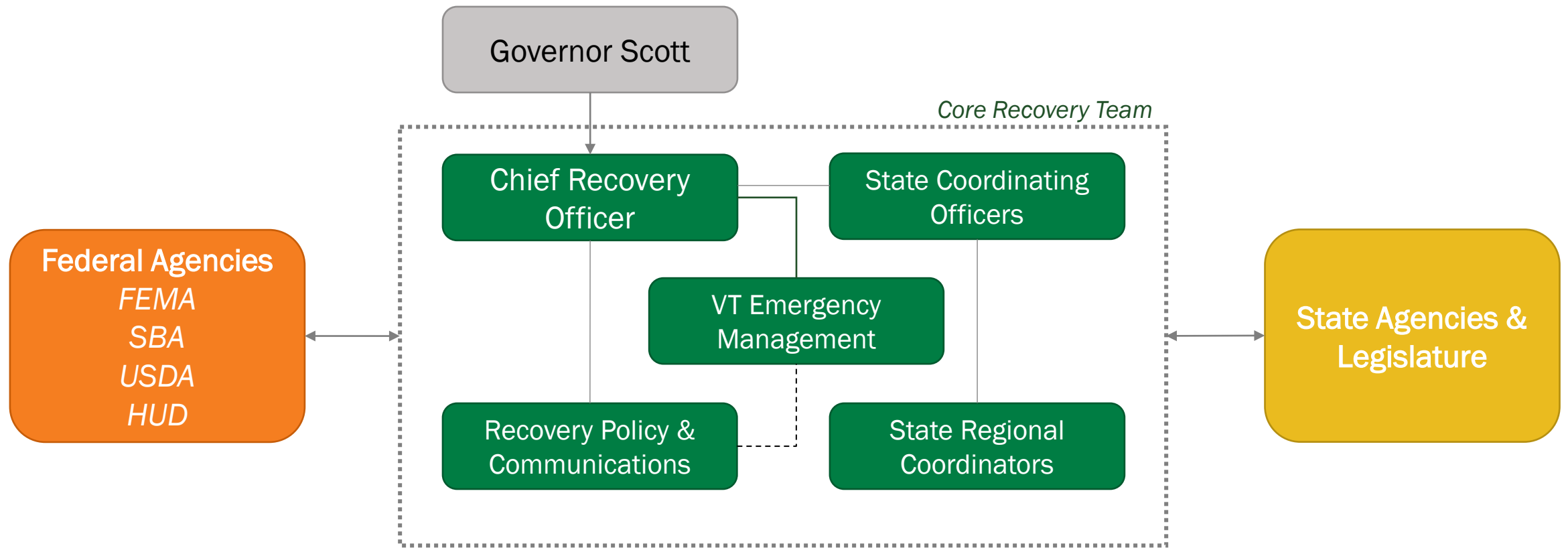
Infrastructure Recovery

Assistance focused on recovery of impacted infrastructure

Resilient Recovery

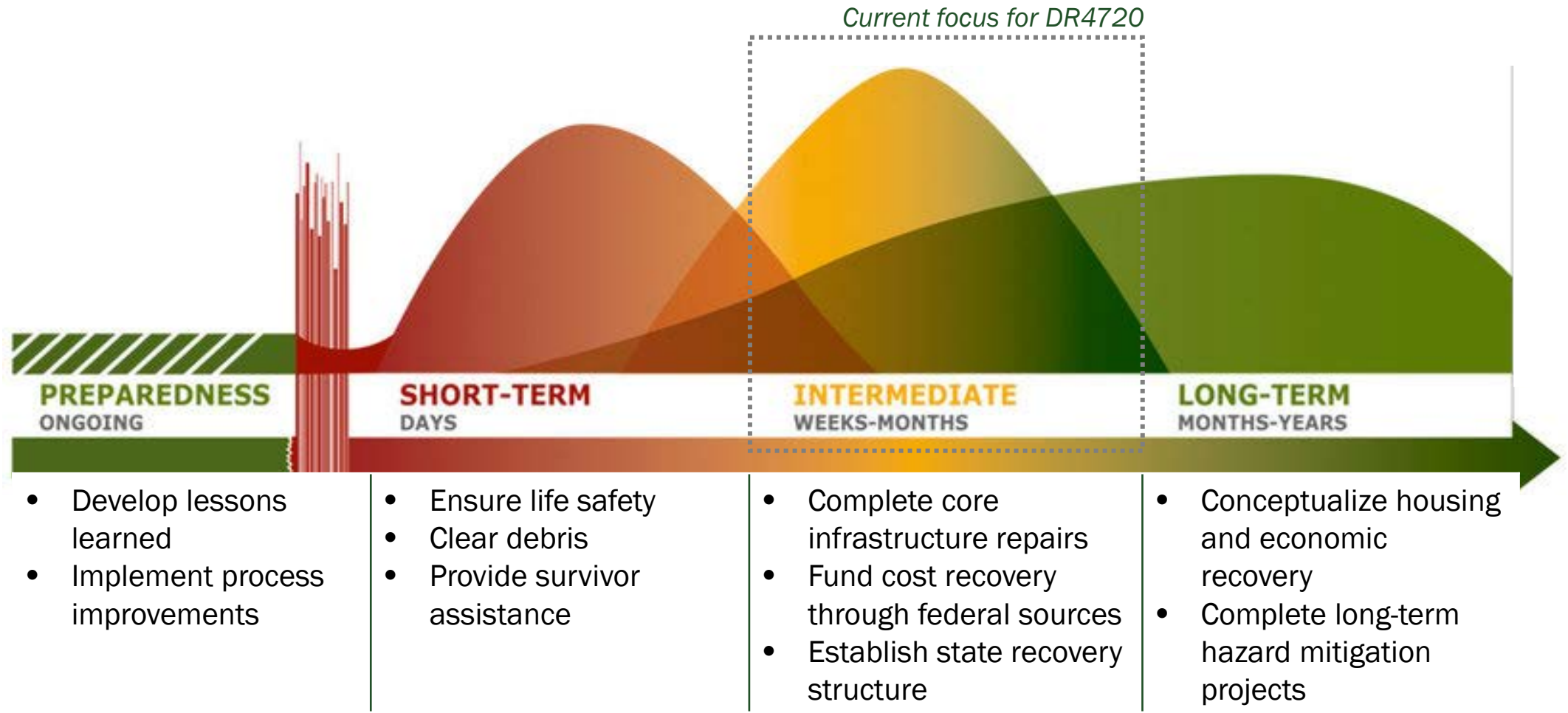
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RECOVERY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



The Core Recovery Team has established a centralized flood inbox for all inquiries: ADM.2023FLOODS@Vermont.gov

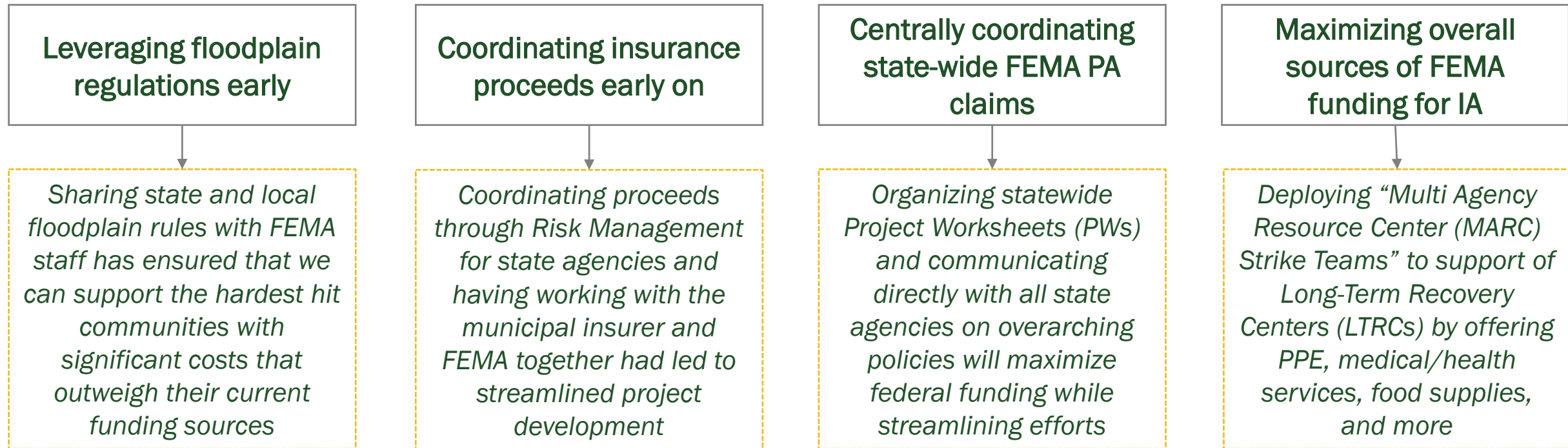
RECOVERY TIMELINE



Example Focus Areas Include:

DEFINING RECOVERY: SHORT-TERM

Alongside flood response activities that protected life and public health, the State took early steps to maximize federal dollars in the long-run

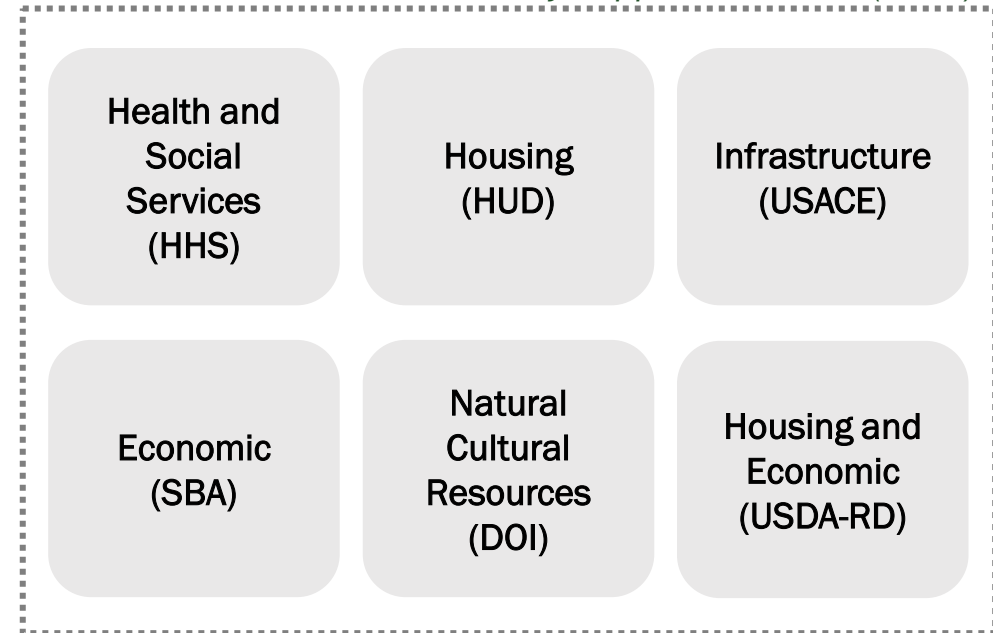


DEFINING RECOVERY: INTERMEDIATE

Apart from working with applicants to finalize damages and submit costs for FEMA reimbursement, a core area of focus has been to establish the Recovery Support Task Forces

Agriculture Restoration	Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
Economic and Community Development	Department of Economic Development
Health and Medical Services	Agency of Human Services
Historic and Cultural Restoration	Agency of Commerce & Community Development
Housing	Department of Housing & Community Development
Individual and Family Needs	Agency of Human Services
Infrastructure and Environmental Restoration	Agency of Natural Resources & Vermont Emergency Management
Volunteer and Donation Management	Agency of Human Services

Federal Recovery Support Functions (RSFs)



DEFINING RECOVERY: LONG-TERM

The State of Vermont has four key focus areas for long-term recovery.

