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
  o ~$10M paid by municipalities.
  o ~$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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