



## REPORTING PROVISIONS

On January 29, 2013, President Barack Obama signed into law the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) of 2013. In many ways, the passage of SRIA represents the most significant legislative change to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) substantive authorities since the enactment of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

The law authorizes several significant changes to the way FEMA may deliver federal disaster assistance to survivors. Several provisions require greater transparency for funds obligated during response efforts and for reporting the status of the Disaster Relief Fund.

### **Posting Grant Awards on the Web**

As part of disaster declarations, the President can make Federal funding (Public Assistance) available through FEMA to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. This is done on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the disaster event.

FEMA is required to publish public assistance grants and mission assignments in excess of \$1 million on the internet within 24 hours of award/issuance.

This information can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-grant-awards-activity>

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### **Disaster Relief Fund Reporting**

The Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) is an appropriation against which FEMA can direct, coordinate, manage, and fund eligible response and recovery efforts associated with domestic major disasters and emergencies that overwhelm State resources pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Through the DRF, FEMA can fund authorized Federal disaster support activities as well as eligible State, territorial, tribal, and local actions, such as providing emergency protection and debris removal. The DRF also funds:

- the repair and restoration of qualifying disaster-damaged public infrastructure
- hazard mitigation initiatives
- financial assistance to eligible disaster survivors
- Fire Management Assistance Grants for qualifying large forest or grassland wildfires

SRIA requires FEMA to provide monthly reports to Congress and on the internet regarding the Disaster Relief Fund spending.

This information can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/disaster-relief-fund>

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