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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Searles, Secretary, Agency of Transportation
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer
FROM: Jeb Spaulding, Secretary, Agency of Administration
DATE: July 9, 2012
RE: Criteria for FEMA Public Assistance Match - Federally Declared Disasters in 2011

This memo outlines the special criteria developed by the Secretary of Administration regarding non-federal cost share provisions for FEMA Public Assistance for federally declared disasters of 2011. This memo will guide the Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and other state departments that may make Public Assistance payments to towns when making payments to municipalities for FEMA Public Assistance.

FEMA requires that all Public Assistance projects include a non-federal cost share. The State has the authority to determine the distribution of the non-federal cost share. Following Tropical Storm Irene, and the declared disasters of 2011, Act 75 of 2012 legislative session authorized the Secretary of Administration to establish special criteria and procedures for the State to provide municipalities (sub-grantees) with additional state share required by the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grants.¹

On May 21, 2012, the Office of the President approved a 90% federal matching rate for Tropical Storm Irene. Under the authority established by Act 75, the Secretary of Administration established state share provisions for FEMA Public Assistance. For Tropical Storm Irene (DR-4022), the federal cost share is 90%, the minimum state share is 5% and the maximum local share is 5%, unless a municipal sub-applicant meets the following criteria established by the Secretary of the Administration.

For all declared disasters of 2011, the municipal share requirement for FEMA Public Assistance will be limited to an amount equal to the revenue raised by a hypothetical \$0.03 tax increase to the Tax Department's 2011 Equalized Municipal Grand List as calculated by the Department of Finance and Management.² The attached spread sheet presents the Department of Finance and Management's calculation of potential costs. (An electronic copy has been forwarded to VTrans' Grants Management Section for their use.) The amount in the last column represents the threshold of municipal responsibility for the non-federal share of FEMA Public Assistance. Above this threshold, State reimbursement of FEMA-eligible actual costs to municipalities will be at 100%. **This special assistance pertains only to FEMA-eligible actual costs for municipalities, and is only relevant to the following declared disasters of 2011: [4022-DR-VT; 1995-DR-VT; 4001-DR-VT; 4043-DR-VT].**

¹ Sec. 77a of Act 75 of the 2012 legislative session states:

(a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 45(d), the secretary of administration may establish criteria and procedures governing payments from the emergency relief and assistance fund, as authorized by 20 V.S.A. § 45(a), in order to provide municipalities with up to the full state and local share of match required by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance grants for Tropical Storm Irene or spring 2011 flooding federal disaster relief. Criteria established by the secretary of administration shall reflect levels of damage, as approved by FEMA, and the ability of municipalities to provide matching funds that would otherwise be required.

² Vermont Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review Municipal Grand List Values by County (COD, CLA, MGL, EqMGL) (prepared 1/13/2012), available at: <http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pvrannualreports.shtml>.



AOA FEMA PA MATCH Criteria - Results

Three Cents on 2011 Equalized Grand List

Act 75 -2012 Budget Adjustment

Town/Village Name	2011 Equalized Municipal GL	Three Cents multiplied by GL
Northfield	3,180,000	\$95,400.00
Northfield Village	3,180,000	\$95,400.00
North Troy	1,262,670	\$37,880.10
Norwich	7,611,080	\$228,332.40
Orange	907,820	\$27,234.60
Orwell	1,395,600	\$41,868.00
Pawlet	2,014,640	\$60,439.20
Peacham	1,461,940	\$43,858.20
Peru	2,433,930	\$73,017.90
Pittsfield	973,730	\$29,211.90
Pittsford	3,748,100	\$112,443.00
Plainfield	1,158,540	\$34,756.20
Plymouth	2,544,340	\$76,330.20
Pomfret	2,470,720	\$74,121.60
Poultney	2,818,372	\$84,551.16
Poultney Village	628,138	\$18,844.14
Pownal	2,521,710	\$75,651.30
Proctor	1,146,450	\$34,393.50
Putney	2,449,230	\$73,476.90
Randolph	3,988,190	\$119,645.70
Reading	1,246,320	\$37,389.60
Readsboro	878,340	\$26,350.20
Richford	1,526,210	\$45,786.30
Richmond	4,564,960	\$136,948.80
Ripton	643,990	\$19,319.70
Rochester	1,574,080	\$47,222.40
Rockingham	2,205,278	\$66,158.34
Belows Falls	2,639,852	\$79,195.56
Roxbury	803,300	\$24,099.00
Royalton	2,530,610	\$75,918.30
Rupert	1,316,280	\$39,488.40
Rutland City	11,468,140	\$344,044.20
Rutland Town	8,293,230	\$248,796.90
Ryegate	1,443,220	\$43,296.60
Sandgate	678,740	\$20,362.20
Searsburg	333,360	\$10,000.80
Shaftsbury	3,350,980	\$100,529.40
Sharon	1,577,460	\$47,323.80
Sheffield	575,150	\$17,254.50
Shoreham	1,312,230	\$39,366.90
Shrewsbury	1,287,290	\$38,618.70
Somerset	88,650	\$2,659.50
South Burlington	28,428,700	\$852,861.00
Springfield	6,334,060	\$190,021.80
St. Johnsbury	5,701,700	\$171,051.00
Stamford	870,600	\$26,118.00
Stannard	168,090	\$5,042.70
Starksboro	1,729,370	\$51,881.10

Town/Village Name	2011 Equalized Municipal GL	Three Cents multiplied by GL
Stockbridge	1,068,320	\$32,049.60
Stowe	21,290,660	\$638,719.80
Strafford	1,716,230	\$51,486.90
Stratton	8,224,560	\$246,736.80
Sudbury	831,650	\$24,949.50
Sunderland	1,504,240	\$45,127.20
Sutton	796,880	\$23,906.40
Thetford	3,721,680	\$111,650.40
Tinmouth	845,960	\$25,378.80
Topsham	1,001,340	\$30,040.20
Townshend	2,060,870	\$61,826.10
Tunbridge	1,634,070	\$49,022.10
Vernon	2,904,080	\$87,122.40
Vershire	653,020	\$19,590.60
Waitsfield	3,524,460	\$105,733.80
Walden	1,045,410	\$31,362.30
Wallingford	2,216,880	\$66,506.40
Wardsboro	1,636,100	\$49,083.00
Warren	7,323,230	\$219,696.90
Washington	1,021,040	\$30,631.20
Waterbury	5,116,436	\$153,493.08
Waterbury Village	1,978,724	\$59,361.72
Weathersfield	2,973,000	\$89,190.00
Wells	1,987,520	\$59,625.60
West Fairlee	670,100	\$20,103.00
West Haven	320,130	\$9,603.90
West Rutland	1,819,750	\$54,592.50
West Windsor	2,602,820	\$78,084.60
Westfield	688,750	\$20,662.50
Westminster	2,700,690	\$81,020.70
Westmore	1,431,270	\$42,938.10
Weston	2,108,570	\$63,257.10
Wheelock	612,410	\$18,372.30
Whiting	325,690	\$9,770.70
Whitingham	2,451,500	\$73,545.00
Williamstown	3,160,870	\$94,826.10
Williston	17,240,420	\$517,212.60
Wilmington	6,371,230	\$191,136.90
Windham	1,100,260	\$33,007.80
Windsor	2,431,430	\$72,942.90
Winhall	7,351,030	\$220,530.90
Wolcott	1,469,400	\$44,082.00
Woodbury	1,286,250	\$38,587.50
Woodford	576,440	\$17,293.20
Woodstock	6,175,086	\$185,252.58
Woodstock Village	2,682,264	\$80,467.92
Worcester	900,600	\$27,018.00