

Representative Michael K. McKell proposes the following substitute bill:

POST DISASTER RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a restricted account and sets eligibility requirements for counties, municipalities, local districts, and special service districts to receive grants from the restricted account.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account;
- ▶ designates the purposes, limitations, and sources of the restricted account;
- ▶ sets standards and requirements for receiving a grant from the restricted account;

and

- ▶ grants rulemaking authority to the Division of Emergency Management.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:

- ▶ to the General Fund Restricted -- Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account -- as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$2,000,000.



- 26 ▶ to the Department of Public Safety -- as an ongoing appropriation
- 27 • from the General Fund Restricted -- Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation
- 28 Restricted Account, \$2,000,000.

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 ENACTS:

33 **53-2a-1301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **53-2a-1302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 **53-2a-1303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **53-2a-1304**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

37 **53-2a-1305**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



39 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

40 Section 1. Section **53-2a-1301** is enacted to read:

41 **Part 13. Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account**

42 **53-2a-1301. Definitions.**

43 As used in the part:

44 (1) "Account" means the Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account
45 created in Section [53-2a-1302](#).

46 (2) "Affected community" means a community directly affected by an ongoing or
47 recent disaster.

48 (3) "Chief executive officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
49 [53-2a-203](#).

50 (4) "Community" means a county, municipality, local district, or special service
51 district.

52 (5) "Costs not recoverable" include:

53 (a) the county threshold; and

54 (b) costs covered by insurance or federal government grants, including funding
55 provided to the state by FEMA's Public Assistance grant program described in 44 C.F.R.
56 Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Part 206.

57 (6) "County threshold" means, for each county, the countywide per capita indicator
58 established by FEMA for the state, multiplied by the population of the county as determined by
59 the division.

60 (7) "Disaster recovery" means action taken to remove debris, implement life-saving
61 emergency protective measures, or repair, replace, or restore facilities in response to a disaster.

62 (8) "Disaster recovery grant" means money granted to an affected community for
63 disaster recovery that amounts to not more than 75% of the difference between the cost of
64 disaster recovery, as determined by the division after reviewing the official damage assessment,
65 and costs not recoverable.

66 (9) "FEMA" means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

67 (10) "Post hazard mitigation" means action taken, after a natural disaster, to reduce or
68 eliminate risk to people or property that may occur as a result of the long-term effects of the
69 natural disaster or a subsequent natural disaster, including action to prevent damage caused by
70 flooding, earthquake, dam failure, wildfire, landslide, severe weather, drought, and problem
71 soil.

72 (11) "Post hazard mitigation grant" means money granted to a community for post
73 hazard mitigation that amounts to not more than 75% of the costs deemed necessary by the
74 division to complete the post hazard mitigation.

75 (12) "Official damage assessment" means a financial assessment of the damage to an
76 affected community, caused by a disaster, that is conducted under the direction of the
77 governing body of the affected community, in accordance with the rules described in Section
78 [53-2a-1305](#).

79 Section 2. Section **53-2a-1302** is enacted to read:

80 **53-2a-1302. Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account.**

81 (1) There is created a restricted account in the General Fund known as the "Post
82 Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Restricted Account."

83 (2) The account consists of:

84 (a) money appropriated to the account by the Legislature;

85 (b) income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the
86 account; and

87 (c) private donations, grants, gifts, bequests, or money made available from any other

88 source to implement this section.

89 (3) At the close of a fiscal year, money in the account exceeding \$10,000,000 shall be
90 transferred to the General Fund.

91 (4) Subject to the requirements described in this part, the division may grant money
92 from the account:

93 (a) to an affected community for the affected community's disaster recovery efforts as
94 described in Section 53-2a-1303; or

95 (b) to a community for post hazard mitigation as described in Section 53-2a-1304.

96 Section 3. Section 53-2a-1303 is enacted to read:

97 **53-2a-1303. Disaster Recovery Grant.**

98 (1) The division may grant money under Subsection 53-2a-1302(4)(a) from the account
99 after receiving an application from an affected community for a disaster recovery grant.

100 (2) An affected community is eligible to receive a disaster recovery grant from the
101 account if:

102 (a) the affected community submits an application described in Subsection (1) that
103 includes the information required by the rules described in Section 53- 2a-1305;

104 (b) the occurrence of disaster in the affected community results in:

105 (i) the president of the United States declaring an emergency or major disaster in the
106 state;

107 (ii) the governor declaring a state of emergency under Section 53-2a-206; or

108 (iii) the chief executive officer of a local government within the affected community
109 declaring a local emergency under Section 53-2a-205;

110 (c) the governing body of the affected community conducts an official damage
111 assessment of the disaster;

112 (d) the cost of disaster recovery, as determined by the division after reviewing the
113 official damage assessment, exceeds the county threshold for the county in which the affected
114 community is located; and

115 (e) the account contains sufficient money for the grant.

116 Section 4. Section 53-2a-1304 is enacted to read:

117 **53-2a-1304. Post Hazard Mitigation Grant.**

118 (1) The division may grant money under Subsection 53-2a-1302(4)(b) from the account

119 after receiving an application from a community for post hazard mitigation if:

120 (a) the amount of money in the account exceeds the amount of money appropriated by
121 the Legislature to the account for the current fiscal year; and

122 (b) the total money granted by the division for post hazard mitigation does not exceed
123 the difference between the amount of money in the account and the amount of money
124 appropriated by the Legislature to the account for the current fiscal year.

125 (2) A community is eligible to receive a post hazard mitigation grant if the division
126 determines the post hazard mitigation to be funded by the post hazard mitigation grant:

127 (a) is reasonably likely to mitigate:

128 (i) economically significant property damage resulting from a disaster; or

129 (ii) threats to human safety resulting from a disaster;

130 (b) will be designed and constructed in a economically efficient manner that comports
131 with accepted industry standards; and

132 (c) addresses a threat of disaster that is plausible and not merely speculative.

133 Section 5. Section **53-2a-1305** is enacted to read:

134 **53-2a-1305. Rulemaking authority and division responsibilities.**

135 (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
136 division may make rules to:

137 (a) designate the requirements and procedures:

138 (i) for the governing body of an affected community to:

139 (A) apply for a disaster recovery grant; and

140 (B) conduct an official damage assessment; and

141 (ii) for the governing body of a community to apply for a post hazard mitigation grant;

142 and

143 (b) establish standards to ensure that projects completed in accordance with this section
144 are completed in a cost effective manner, are reasonably necessary for disaster recovery or post
145 hazard mitigation, and that all receipts and invoices are documented.

146 (2) No later than December 31 of each year, the division shall provide the governor and
147 the Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee a written report of the division's activities
148 under this part, including:

149 (a) an accounting of the money expended or committed to be expended under this part;

150 and

151 (b) the balance of the account.

152 **Section 6. Appropriation.**

153 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
154 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
155 fiscal year 2020.

156 Subsection 6a. **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers.**

157 The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following
158 amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from
159 the funds or accounts to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an
160 appropriation.

161 ITEM 1

162 To the General Fund Restricted -- Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation
163 Restricted Account

164 From General Fund \$2,000,000

165 Schedule of Programs:

166 General Fund Restricted -- Post Disaster Recovery and

167 Mitigation Restricted Account \$2,000,000

168 Subsection 6b. **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

169 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
170 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
171 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

172 ITEM 2

173 To Department of Public Safety -- Emergency Management

174 From General Fund Restricted -- Post Disaster Recovery and Mitigation
175 Restricted Account \$2,000,000

176 Schedule of Programs:

177 Emergency Management: \$2,000,000

178 The Legislature intends that:

179 (1) appropriations provided under this Subsection (6)(b) be used for Disaster Recovery
180 Grants and Post Hazard Mitigation Grants described in Sections [53-2a-1303](#) and [53-2a-1304](#);

181 and

182 (2) under Section [63J-1-603](#), appropriations provided under this section not lapse at the

183 close of fiscal year 2020.