

The background of the slide features a large, faded seal of the City of Ann Arbor. The seal is circular and contains a central figure of a woman holding a scale and a sword, surrounded by the Latin motto "ANNA ARBORIS MATER JUSTITIAE PESCAM" and the words "MERCANTIA" and "ANNA ARBORIS".

# Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Public Safety Committee Meeting  
March 20, 2023

# Hazard Mitigation Planning - Defined

- Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters before they occur.
- Annapolis identifies natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that cause the most impact.
- The City then develops long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires local jurisdictions to update Hazard Mitigation Plans every five years.
- The Annapolis Office of Emergency Management is the lead Department for this Plan.



# Importance of the Hazard Mitigation Plan



- The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires every jurisdiction to have an active and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for mitigation grant funding.
- The idea is that FEMA will not fund mitigation projects unless the jurisdiction demonstrates it is working to reduce the risks of hazards.
- Since 2015, OEM has been awarded \$3,556,823.91 from FEMA for mitigation planning and projects since 2015 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Program, Public Assistance, and more. Emergency Management has pending grant applications totalling in excess of \$35 million for these programs.

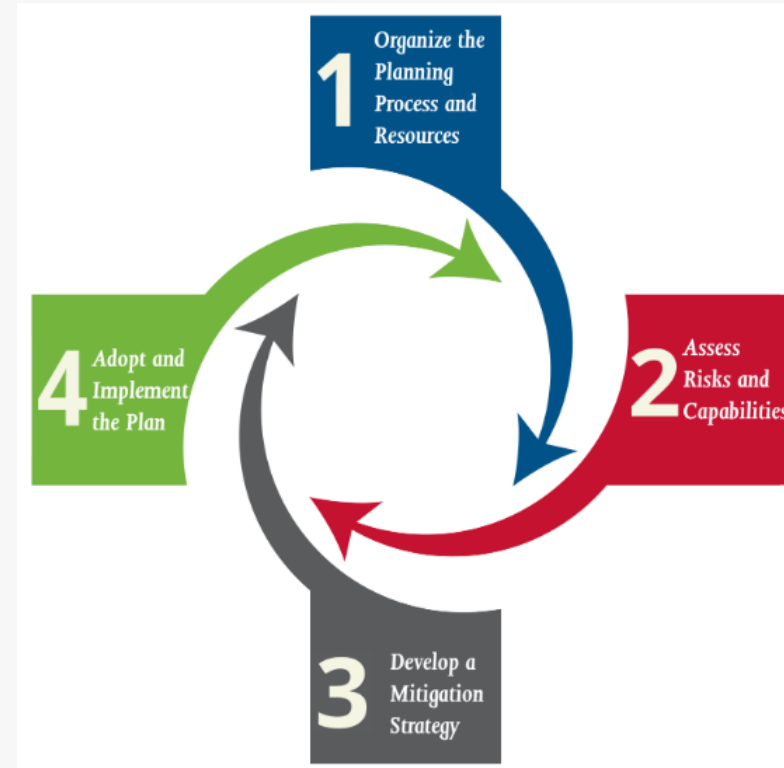
# Hazard Mitigation Plan Cost

- **The Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan carries no cost to the City of Annapolis!**
- Emergency Management secured a grant through the FY20 Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Program for \$37,500.00.
- OEM contracted with Smith Planning & Design to draft the Plan. Smith Planning also completed the City's previous Hazard Mitigation Plan in addition to the more recent Flood Resilience Plan.
- Emergency Management will use these grant funded plans to secure additional mitigation grant funding for the City.



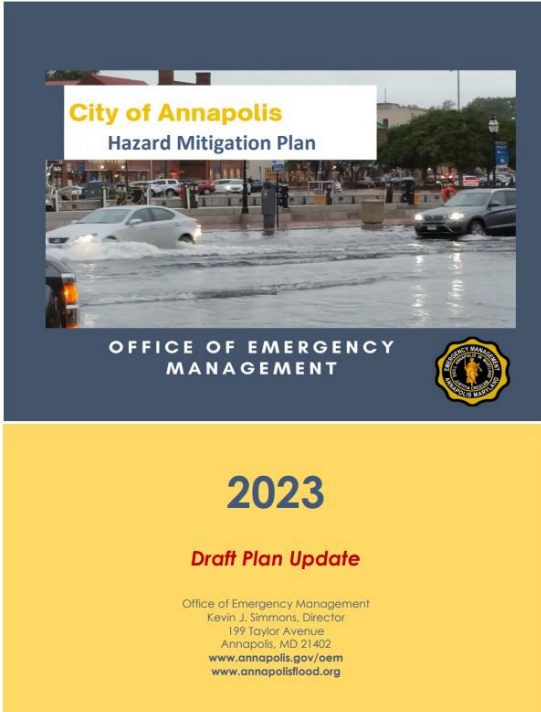
# The Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

- As part of the current update process, Emergency Management organized a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee consisting of partners with City Departments, Anne Arundel County, the State of Maryland, and Naval Support Activity Annapolis.
- Emergency Management convened a mitigation workshop, and distributed surveys on local hazards and mitigation priorities.
- OEM maintains a project website at <https://www.annapolishazards.org/> in order to provide updates to the public and solicit comments on the draft Plan and the process.



# Hazard Mitigation Plan Timeline

- Emergency Management submitted the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA on March 10th.
- FEMA has 30 days to review the plan and provide comments.
- Once Emergency Management updates the Plan to reflect FEMA's comments, FEMA will issue an "Approval Pending Adoption" letter.
- OEM will then submit the Plan to the City Council for adoption.
- FEMA will then issue a letter certifying the validity of the Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan for 5 years from the date of the Council's adoption.



The graphic features a dark blue header with a photograph of a flooded street. A white text box in the upper left of the photo reads "City of Annapolis" in yellow and "Hazard Mitigation Plan" in blue. Below the photo, the text "OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" is displayed in white, accompanied by the City of Annapolis seal on the right. The background of the lower half is yellow, with the year "2023" in large blue font and "Draft Plan Update" in red italicized font below it. At the bottom, contact information for the Office of Emergency Management is listed in small black text.

**City of Annapolis**  
Hazard Mitigation Plan

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

**2023**

*Draft Plan Update*

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# Conclusion

The Office of Emergency Management hopes to have your support when the Plan comes before the Council.





# **State Disaster Recovery Fund**

## **Legislative Update**

**City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management**

**Public Safety Committee Presentation - March 20, 2023**





# State Disaster Recovery Fund



- SB 650 and HB 789 - Lead sponsors include Senator Elfreth and Delegate Jones
- Established in response to growing number of isolated local disasters in Maryland:
  - Sept. 2021 Annapolis Tornado
  - Oct. 2021 King Tide Flooding
  - Aug. 2022 Smith Island Tornadoic Waterspout
  - Ellicott City Floods
- Improves the current patchwork of disaster recovery programs in Maryland and creates a fund to be administered by MDEM and the local appointed Emergency Managers - the industry experts.

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LOCAL NEWS

**Maryland lawmaker sponsors bill to expedite aid for those with damage from natural disasters**

**GLEN BURNIE GIRLS BASKETBALL MAKES FIRST STATE FINAL** SPORTS

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**The Capital**

Thursday, March 9, 2023 A Capital-Gazette Newspaper — Annapolis, MD \$3.50

**State bill aims to quicken emergency relief**

Anne Arundel legislators propose state recovery fund to expedite aid after natural disasters like 2021 Annapolis tornado

By Dana Munro

the lead sponsor of Senate Bill 650, said the legislation was inspired

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**STORM DISASTER RELIEF BILL**

SESSION 2023

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# Purpose of the Fund

General purpose of the fund is to provide:

- Disaster recovery assistance to individuals and families when a unit of local government has submitted a request for a disaster declaration but a federal declaration disaster is not granted;
- Disaster recovery assistance to units of local government of the State for the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of a public facility damaged or destroyed when a federal disaster declaration is not received;
- Disaster-related assistance for unmet needs of individuals and families who have been denied federal assistance but otherwise meet criteria established for the fund;
- And a portion of the fund can be used to administer Disaster Case Management Services.



**SENATE BILL 650**

E4 3lr1705  
CF HB 789

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By: **Senators Elfreth, Bailey, Beidle, Hester, Gile, and Rosapepe**  
 Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023  
 Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**HOUSE BILL 789**

Publ E4 3lr2322  
CF SB 650

FOR the purpose of establishing related assistance of Emergency Management State Disaster Recovery Fund

By: **Delegate D. Jones**  
 Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2023  
 Assigned to: Appropriations

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A BILL ENTITLED

**SB 650**

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly  
 2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**  
 (Senator Elfreth, *et al.*)

Senate Bill 650  
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**Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund**

FOR SENATE AND EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

This bill establishes the State Disaster Recovery Fund administered by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM). Beginning in fiscal 2025, the Governor must include in the annual budget bill a sufficient appropriation to bring the minimum balance of the fund to at least \$20.0 million at the start of each fiscal year, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures increase by \$344,400 in FY 2024 for administrative costs. General fund expenditures increase by \$20.0 million in FY 2025 due to the mandated appropriation; special fund revenues increase accordingly. Special fund expenditures increase beginning in FY 2025 for administrative costs and fund disbursements. Future years reflect ongoing fund replenishments and disbursements. Federal fund revenues increase to the extent federal reimbursements are provided (not shown below). **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2025.**

| (in dollars)   | FY 2024   | FY 2025      | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| SF Revenue     | \$0       | \$20,000,000 | -       | -       | -       |
| GF Expenditure | \$344,400 | \$20,000,000 | -       | -       | -       |
| SF Expenditure | \$0       | -            | -       | -       | -       |

# Background- 2021 Tornado

- No State disaster declaration was made. Limited access to relief funds from existing State programs.
- Denied a Presidential Disaster Declaration, however, a SBA declaration was made for 4 jurisdictions impacted by Ida. Only allowed for low-interest loans to businesses and homeowners.
- Governor directed \$4 million to DHCD disaster housing programs. These were loans that were later converted to grants.
- Slow process in getting grant funds to impacted homeowners.
- No current relief program for renters. Current state program not available to nonprofit organizations, i.e., churches & community centers. Only for-profit business and homeowners eligible.

**STATE OF MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
LARRY HOGAN  
GOVERNOR

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION  
COVER LETTER**

September 27, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Through: Ms. MaryAnn Tierney  
Regional Administrator  
FEMA Region III  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear President Biden:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), as implemented, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Maryland as a severe flash flooding caused by the remnants of Tropical Depression Ida. In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.36(b)(1)-(3), I have determined that the

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Mayor Gavin Buckley  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

**Office of Emergency Management**  
Director Kevin J. Simmons  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

**REQUEST FOR DISASTER AND DISASTER-APPLICABLE PROGRAMS ACTIVATION**

September 21, 2021

Kenneth C. Holt, Secretary  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
Office of the Secretary  
7800 Hopkins Road  
Lanham, MD 20686

**FEMA denies request for help after tornado**

Anne Arundel, Annapolis leaders urge Hogan to declare emergency in wake of storm

remnants of 125 MPH  
initially 11.5 miles into the  
12:20 PM, impacting  
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as for many Annapolitans,  
severe roof damage,  
property damage.

September 2, 2021, as the  
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City's Community  
of Annapolis provided  
@AnnapolisMD

**Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
Impact Statement Form**

| General Information  |   |
|--|---|
| City/Jurisdiction or State Agency  | City of Annapolis, Maryland   |
| Contact Name:  | J Simmons, Director   |
| Phone Number:  | 410-216-9167  |
| Address:   | 1600 Duke of Gloucester St, Annapolis, MD 21401   |
| Email:   | jsimmons@annapolis.gov  |
| Demographic Information  |   |
| Population (City/Jurisdiction only):   | 49,612 (2020)   |
| Fiscal Year Begin Date:  | 7/1/2021  |
| Event Information & General Impact Information   |   |
| Type:  | Confirmed EF-2 tornado produced during the remnants of Tropical Storm Ida.  |
| Accident Period:   | September 1, 2021   |
| Description of damages (Short description of disaster impacts on affected area and population, parts that constitute a health and/or safety hazard to the public, disruption of normal community functions, damage to critical facilities rendered non-operational by the event and exhausted or inadequate of power or water, status of repair and estimated completion dates, if known). Also include location to comment: | In National Weather Service confirmed that on September 1, 2021, an EF-2 tornado with peak wind speeds of 125 MPH touched down in southern Anne Arundel County and traveled approximately 11 miles into the City of Annapolis. The tornado hit western portions of Annapolis City around 2:25 PM, impacting residents and businesses of the Parcelle area in Ward 3 along Forest Drive at Parcelle Street and West Street near the intersection of Lee Street. The tornado caused substantial structural damage to homes and businesses including the complete unroofing of one home and the total collapse of a window and metal roofing of another commercial property. |

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Media contact: Michelle Stephenson, 410-972-7724 or [mstephenson@annapolis.gov](mailto:mstephenson@annapolis.gov)

**Good News for Annapolis - Governor Hogan Declares Disaster to Activate Programs for Tornado Recovery**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (October 23, 2021) - On Friday morning, Mayor Gavin Buckley was pleased to announce that Governor Larry Hogan has announced that the state of Maryland will make financial resources available to residents and businesses impacted by the September 1, 2021, tornado that struck Annapolis on September 1, 2021.

"This is the good news we've been waiting for," said Mayor Buckley. "It means the funding we've been waiting for is here. It means we can now begin to help our residents who need it after the terror of the September 1st tornado spawned by Tropical Storm Ida."

# Disaster Fund Study & Recommendations

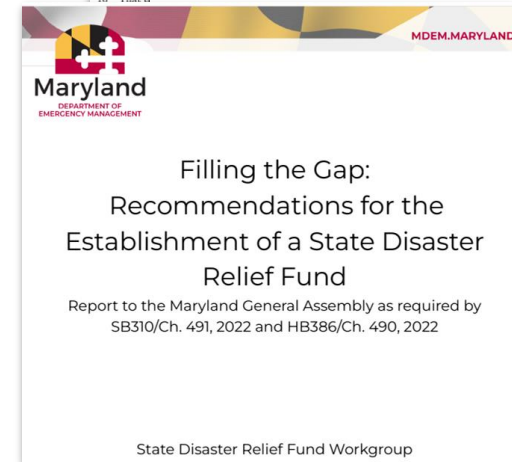
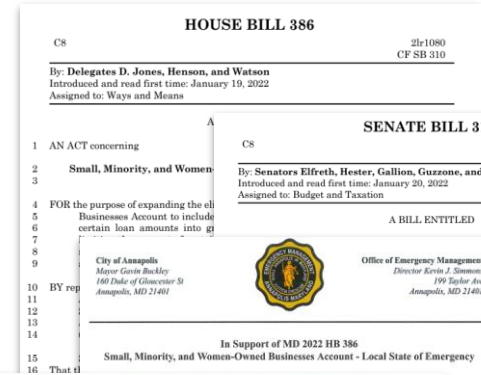


Co-chaired by City of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Workgroup participants included local EM Directors, MDEM, State/County Finance Managers, MACo & MML representatives, etc.

Topics and Considerations:

- Focused on Individual Assistance with inclusion of Public Assistance
- Administration of the fund
- Determining type of incidents that can use the fund
- Determining eligibility requirements
- Equity and Vulnerable populations inclusions
- Application process
- Disaster Case Management services





# Committee Hearings & Amendments

- OEM and Ald. Pindell Charles provided both written and oral testimony to Senate & House committees in support of the bill, along with MDEM, AACo, & MACo

## Testimony Key Points:

- Current State programs are either unfunded or unable to meet needs of local disasters
- Low-income and vulnerable communities need support.
- “No one left behind”
- FEMA does not fund small disasters.
- EM experts are needed to manage program.
- Need for Disaster Case Management funding.
- Amendment calls for replacing the State’s current Catastrophic Event Fund (~\$10 million) with the State Disaster Recovery Fund



**Maryland**  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Chairman Blaine Pindell Charles**  
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**In Support of MD 2023 SB 650  
Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund**  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Hearing  
Thursday, March 9, 2023

Chair Ozonoff, Vice-Chair Ruppberg, and fellow members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

I am Kevin J. Simmons, Director of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Annapolis. I offer this testimony to voice my support for Senate Bill 650, which would create a State Disaster Recovery Fund. This bill would create a new funding mechanism for the State to fill the gap between local and state disaster recovery assistance means that have been exhausted. SB 650 aims to remove the current limitations on the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities. Currently, there are significant limitations in the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities. SB 650 aims to remove the current limitations on the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities. SB 650 aims to remove the current limitations on the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities.

**MARYLAND COUNTIES**  
COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGERS AFFILIATE

LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SB 650 / HB 709  
PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND BILL  
SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE / HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 9, 2023

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Emergency Managers Affiliates (EMAs) support SB 650/HB 709 - Public Safety - State Disaster Recovery Fund Bill. This bill would create a new funding mechanism for the State to fill the gap between local and state disaster recovery assistance means that have been exhausted. SB 650 aims to remove the current limitations on the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities. Currently, there are significant limitations in the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities. SB 650 aims to remove the current limitations on the State's ability to provide disaster recovery assistance to low-income and vulnerable communities.

# How Bill Would Benefit City of Annapolis



- Provides a quick and accessible resource for when recovery assistance is needed following a localized disaster such a tornados, severe flooding, microbursts, etc.
- Allows the City to directly request assistance from the fund independent of a State or Federal disaster declaration.
- Provides an opportunity for Annapolis residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to access recovery assistance faster.
- Allows for City input through OEM in establishing the fund eligibility requirements.
- Allows for the City to increase its capacity to offer case management work to help residents more effectively navigate the recovery process.





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