

Amendment to SB 402-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Disaster Relief Assistance for
4 Municipalities. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after section 37-c the following new section:

5 21-P:37-d Disaster Relief Assistance for Municipalities.

6 I. When the President of the United States declares an area a federal disaster area and a
7 municipality has applied for federal emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency Management
8 Administration (FEMA), the municipality may apply to the division of homeland security and
9 emergency management for state aid in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the non-federal share
10 of projects eligible for costs relating to public assistance disaster grants and hazard mitigation
11 grants. For approved applications, the division, with the approval of the fiscal committee of the
12 general court, the governor, and the executive council, shall disburse aid to the municipality. The
13 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
14 otherwise appropriated.

15 II. This section shall apply to federal disasters declared on or after July 1, 2021.

16 III. The director of homeland security and emergency management shall administer aid
17 under this section and may adopt administrative rules under RSA 541-A.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the director of the division of homeland security and emergency management, with the approval of the fiscal committee, the governor, and the executive council, to disburse financial assistance to municipalities affected by federally-declared disasters in certain circumstances.