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TO: Joint Fiscal Committee  
FROM: June E. Tierney, Commissioner  
DATE: November 7, 2023  
SUBJECT: Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Flood-Impacted Vermonters.

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Per the motion approved at the July 31, 2023 Emergency Board Meeting the Department of Public Service (PSD) was given authority to transfer up to \$10 million of the \$35 million that was appropriated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(a)(2), as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 67 and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.118, to make grants to Efficiency Vermont to fund flood relief measures that are consistent with 30 VSA § 2 (e).

The motion also stated that the Commissioner of Public Service shall report on the amounts and use of funds distributed for replacement of Vermonters' flood-damaged and -destroyed appliances at the September and November 2023 Joint Fiscal Committee meetings.

**Progress to Date:**

The Residential Recovery Program was officially launched by Efficiency Vermont on September 6, 2023.

As of November 3, 2023 Efficiency Vermont has provided payments to residential households totaling \$301,541 for 114 appliances, HVAC equipment, and water heating equipment. Efficiency Vermont started receiving FEMA data on September 15, 2023 that they must use to ensure there is not duplicative funding provided to households. Processing of payments for FEMA-eligible residential customers has been active since early October.

