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TO:	Joint Fiscal Committee
FROM:	June E. Tierney, Commissioner
DATE:	September 25, 2024
SUBJECT:	Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Flood-Impacted Vermonters.

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).

A motion was passed at the August 8, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting to expand the scope of the Emergency Financial Assistance Program for Flood-Impacted Vermonters to include replacement of flood damaged and destroyed appliances and equipment for Vermont Households impacted by the Vermont 2024 flood events.

The motions 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 2023, November 2023, September 2024, and November 2024 Joint Fiscal Committee meetings.

Progress to Date:

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

As of August 31, 2024 Efficiency Vermont has provided payments to 273 residential households totaling \$1,879,848 for 462 appliances, HVAC equipment, and water heating equipment.

