




STATE OF VERMONT
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee Members

FROM: Maria Belliveau, Associate Fiscal Officer 

DATE: October 9, 2015

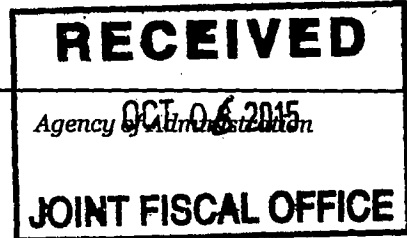
SUBJECT: JFO #2784 – Disaster Assistance from FEMA for Damaged Facilities due to June 9, 2015 Flood

The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, is requesting authority to accept \$1,042,242 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide disaster assistance for emergency work and the repair and/or replacement of disaster damaged facilities that occurred during the June 9, 2015 severe storm in Addison and Chittenden Counties. The funds will be spent in fiscal year 2016 and 2017.

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Maria Belliveau at (802) 828-5971; mbelliveau@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. Unless you respond to the contrary by October 23, 2015 it will be assumed that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of this grant.



JFO # 2784



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STATE OF VERMONT
FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM

Grant Summary: The purpose of this grant is to provide disaster assistance for emergency work and the repair/replacement of disaster damaged facilities that occurred during the June 9, 2015 severe storm and flooding in Addison and Chittenden Counties.

Date: 9/29/2015

Department: Department of Public Safety

Legal Title of Grant: Disaster Grant - Public Assistance (Presidentially)

Federal Catalog #: 97.036

Grant/Donor Name and Address: Federal Emergency Management Agency

Grant Period: From: 7/16/2015 To: 7/15/2019

Grant/Donation \$1,042,242

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$938,019	\$104,224	\$	\$1,042,242	

Position Information:	# Positions	Explanation/Comments
	0	

Additional Comments: Differences due to rounding.

Has Vantage budget detail been reviewed and reconciled? Yes No *HC* (Analyst Initial)

Department of Finance & Management	<i>BJT</i>	(Initial)
Secretary of Administration	<i>HC</i>	(Initial)
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office	<i>10/2/15</i>	Date





State of Vermont
Department of Public Safety

Grants Management Division
Soon to be Finance Office

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Main Number - 802.241.5000
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TDD Number - 802.545.7598

August 25, 2015

TO: David Beatty, Finance & Management Budget Analyst
FROM: Cynthia Grant, Grant Management Specialist
RE: Request for Grant Acceptance

Attached you will find a Request for Grant Acceptance (Form AA-1) for the FEMA Public Assistance Program for DR-4232-VT.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 802.241.5575 or cynthia.grant@vermont.gov.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Grant".

Cynthia M. Grant (Belunas)

Grants Management Specialist

Vermont Dept. of Public Safety

Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

45 State Drive

Waterbury, VT 05671-1300

Cc: Rick Hallenbeck, Assistance Director of Administration/Finance

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

BASIC GRANT INFORMATION

1. Agency:	
2. Department:	Public Safety
3. Program:	Emergency Management & Homeland Security
4. Legal Title of Grant:	Disaster Grant - Public Assistance (Presidentially)
5. Federal Catalog #:	97.036
6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: Federal Emergency Management Agency	
7. Grant Period:	From: 7/16/2015 To: 7/15/2019

8. Purpose of Grant:

To provide Federal disaster assistance for emergency work and the repair/replacement of disaster damaged facilities during the June 9, 2015 severe storm and flooding in Addison and Chittenden Counties.

9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted:

Eligible State, Local and Non-Profit agencies may have to bear the full cost of disaster related expenses. Budget informaton below is based on Preliminary Damage Assessment.

BUDGET INFORMATION

	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Comments
Expenditures:	FY 16 (90%)	FY 17 (10%)	FY	
Personal Services	\$30,317	\$3,369	\$	DEMHS PA Staff Time (MC)
Operating Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Grants	\$1,210,268	\$134,474	\$	Examples of Subgrants to AOT, Locals, Public, Non-Profit Utilites
Total	\$1,240,585	\$137,843	\$	
Revenues:				
State Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	\$133,130	\$14,792	\$	ERAF 11%
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
(Direct Costs)	\$938,019	\$104,224	\$	
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
(Departmental Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	
Other Funds:	\$	\$	\$	
Grant (source Local)	\$169,436	\$18,827	\$	Local 14%
Total	\$1,240,585	\$137,843	\$	
Appropriation No:	2140031000 Fund 22005	Amount:	\$1,042,242	

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	2140031000 Fund 21555	\$147,922
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
	Total	\$1,190,164

Has current fiscal year budget detail been entered into Vantage? Yes No

PERSONAL SERVICE INFORMATION

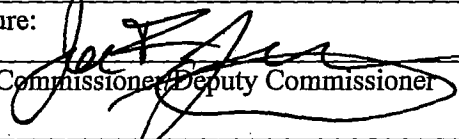
11. Will monies from this grant be used to fund one or more Personal Service Contracts? Yes No
 If "Yes", appointing authority must initial here to indicate intent to follow current competitive bidding process/policy.

Appointing Authority Name: _____ Agreed by: _____ (initial)

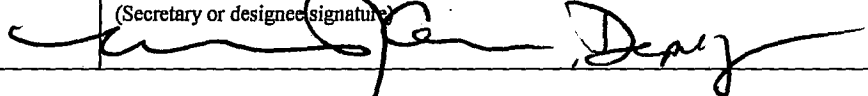
12. Limited Service Position Information:	# Positions	Title
Total Positions		

12a. Equipment and space for these positions: Is presently available. Can be obtained with available funds.


13. AUTHORIZATION AGENCY/DEPARTMENT

I/we certify that no funds beyond basic application preparation and filing costs have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant, unless previous notification was made on Form AA-1PN (if applicable):	Signature: 	Date: 08/31/2015
	Title: Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner	
	Signature: _____	Date: _____
	Title: _____	

14. SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approved:	(Secretary or designee signature) 	Date: 10/01/15
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15. ACTION BY GOVERNOR

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check One Box: Accepted	(Governor's signature) 	Date: 10/2/15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejected		Date: _____

16. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Required GRANT Documentation

<input type="checkbox"/> Request Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. project approval (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Award <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Donation (if any) <input type="checkbox"/> Grant (Project) Timeline (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Form AA-1PN attached (if applicable)
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STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A: §5).

DECLARED JULY 29, 2015

SUMMARY

STATE: Vermont
NUMBER: FEMA-4232-DR
INCIDENT: Severe Storm and Flooding
INCIDENT PERIOD: June 9, 2015
DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR: July 16, 2015
FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER: James N. Russo
National FCO Program

DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (Assistance to individuals and households):

Not Requested.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):

Addison and Chittenden Counties.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

All areas in the State of Vermont are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

PETER SHUMLIN
Governor



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

July 16, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Through: Mr. Paul Ford
Acting Regional Administrator
FEMA Region I
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 C.F.R. § 206.36, I respectfully request that you declare a Major Disaster for the State of Vermont for Public Assistance in Chittenden and Addison counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide as a result of Severe Storm and Flooding which occurred in northwestern Vermont on June 9, 2015.

On Thursday, June 9th, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Burlington, Vermont, issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch and a Flood Watch for all of northern Vermont. A few hours later, a series of heavy showers and thunderstorms moved across the area, bringing 3 to 5 inches of rain in some locations. Antecedent conditions were saturated, because the region had already received 200 percent of normal precipitation for this time of year over the past month. Torrential rains on steep, mountainous slopes resulted in localized severe flash flooding and mudslides.

The National Weather Service provided timely and relevant warnings and information before, during, and after this incident. The meteorological factors and precursors for this incident are described in Enclosure D ("For the Record" Weather Summary Memo regarding June 9, 2015), from Scott Whittier, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the NOAA/National Weather Service based in Burlington, Vermont.

On June 24, after collecting damage reports from local communities via Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions, Vermont's Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Joe Flynn, wrote to FEMA Region 1 Acting Administrator Paul Ford requesting a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) for Addison, Chittenden, and Franklin Counties. PDA teams composed of local, state and federal representatives convened at the Vermont Agency of Transportation District 5 offices on June 26, and site visits were conducted between June 26 and July 2. Final validated PDA totals were provided by FEMA to my staff on July 7.

Final validated PDA totals statewide were \$1,344,742, significantly exceeding the statewide threshold indicator of \$1 million. In Chittenden County, Vermont's most populous county, damages were \$706,843, exceeding the county threshold indicator of \$557,300. In Addison County, damages were \$602,299, more than four times the county threshold indicator of \$131,083. There were also some damages in Franklin County, but they did not approach the county threshold indicator.

Within Addison and Chittenden counties, damages were concentrated in five very hard-hit towns: in Addison County, Starksboro (population 1,898) had \$365,713 in damage (\$192 per capita) and Weybridge (population 824) had \$236,586 in damage (\$287 per capita).

In Weybridge, there is still one residence on Gooseneck Road where access has not been restored. The residents are currently parking at a neighbor's home and trekking in every day. That road also serves as the only access to a 70+ acre cornfield which cannot be farmed at this time. *The estimated damages on Gooseneck Road are \$236,586; the town's entire annual road budget is \$397,000.* Scheduled repair projects will need to be canceled or postponed.

In Chittenden County, Bolton (population 971) had damages of \$287,992 (\$297 per capita), and Huntington (population 1,861) had damages of \$211,371 (\$114 per capita).

In Bolton, three of the town's four main roads were closed, temporarily cutting off the only access to Bolton Valley Resort, several neighborhoods, and the town's gravel pit. On Notch Road alone, the damages are estimated to add up to \$225,000. Over a hundred families were stranded with no access for several days. The town's entire annual road budget is \$430,800. Fortunately no emergency evacuations were required, damage to private property was limited to culvert, driveway and road washouts, and temporary repairs by the local road crew and hired contractors have since opened all roads to local traffic, at least to one lane; but Bolton incurred an estimated \$287,992 in damage to town roads, far exceeding what the town can afford to finance on its own. The Select Board has therefore requested state and federal public assistance.

In Huntington, Bean Road was one of four major roads that washed out. Repairs to Bean Road alone will cost over \$97,000; forty families rely on this road for access.

In Richmond, the water supply to more than 1,000 residents was compromised when a line to the water storage tank broke. The town issued a boil water notice which was in effect for three days, and both Camels Hump Middle and Richmond Elementary Schools had to be closed for one day, causing disruption and lost wages in the community. Restaurants, numerous business and at-risk populations were adversely affected by the lack of potable water. There are still a few homes on Greystone Road without access and this site will require considerable engineering to restore. In Starksboro, two houses on Ben Roberts Road were stranded without access for two days until a temporary fix was installed. The damages on that road of \$365,713 overwhelm the annual town road maintenance budget of \$452,000. It should also be noted that since Tropical Storm Irene, the Town of Richmond has had several Hazard Mitigation (404) projects, including home buy-outs and elevations. Although difficult to quantify, damages in Richmond could easily have

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been more severe if the community were not taking active steps to increase flood resiliency. It should also be noted that none of the damaged sites from this event were repeat sites from Tropical Storm Irene or any of the subsequent flooding disasters which have hit these communities, suggesting that Vermont's commitment to improving drainage structures through our Stream Alteration Permit Program is serving to reduce future costs.

The State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) was implemented during this event. Due to the rapid nature of the storm, the State Emergency Operations Center remained in Monitoring status. Pursuant to the SEOP, our Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) Watch Officer and Supervisory Watch Officer provided situational updates to the DEMHS Director, who informed me and my staff. The impacted communities followed their Local Emergency Operations Plans and report damages according to the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) with the assistance of the Regional Planning Commissions. Fortunately, there were no deaths or major injuries reported, and no temporary shelters were opened.

Local Emergency Management Directors, road crews, and neighbors in the impacted communities worked late into the evening hours of June 9 to protect lives, relocate residents who were unable to get to or from their homes, and restore emergency access.

Early responders also included personnel from Vermont Agency of Transportation District 5 and river engineers from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, who were "on the scene" within hours of the flooding and provided initial assessment and advice to municipal officials.

With respect to Voluntary Agency Assistance, on June 16 our Recovery and Mitigation Section Chief contacted VOAD Coordinator and Vermont Disaster Relief Fund staff liaison Bill Elwell and Individual Assistance Coordinator Bob Costantino, who is housed in the Agency of Human Services, to provide an update on flood damage reports from residents in Barton, Richmond, and Westford. The Westford situation was a woman whose husband has medical needs and for whom emergency medical access has been necessary; they live on a badly damaged private road with 8 or 9 other families. This person was referred to the Vermont 211 hotline for assistance in accessing state assistance programs for which they may be eligible.

Based on the results of the PDA, 94% of the eligible damages were to roads, bridges, and culverts (Category C), 5% were for water supply damages (Category F), and less than 1% for emergency responses costs (Category B).

In the nearly four years since Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011 (DR4022), Vermont has experienced six more federal disasters: DR4066 (flooding in May 2012), DR4120 (flooding in May 2013), DR4143 (flooding in June-July, 2013), DR4163 (an ice storm in December 2013), DR4178 (flooding in seven northern counties in April, 2014), and DR4207 (severe winter storm of Dec. 9-12, 2014) This series of disasters, piled on top of the ongoing recovery efforts associated with DR4022 (Tropical Storm Irene), continue to severely stress and deplete local and state resources.

It should also be noted that all of the hardest-hit communities from this event were also impacted by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Furthermore, the communities of Bolton, Huntington, and Starksboro are still reeling financially from DR4207, the severe winter storm which hit most of Vermont in December 2014. Starksboro and Huntington each had more than \$100,000 of damages from that event. Furthermore, the Chittenden County communities of Bolton, Huntington, and Richmond incurred damages during DR4140, the flooding of July 2013. The local portion of non-federal share for these multiple disasters has placed significant strain on local budgets and property taxes.

Not only are the infrastructure costs of the June 9 event beyond the financial capabilities of the impacted communities, they also exceed the currently available financial resources of the State of Vermont. The State's Town Highway Emergency Fund budget is already almost \$300,000 over budget for the new State Fiscal Year which began July 1, and the State relies on this fund to also cover winter maintenance costs and FHWA damages. All the money for the regular Municipal Town Highway and Bridge grant program has already been allocated for this fiscal year. Every available dollar is already spoken for, and it is not clear how we are going to be able to assist the June 9 impacted communities.

Furthermore, the storms which have been federally declared as disasters have not been the only ones which have hit Vermont. For example, repeated thunderstorms during the period July 3-10, 2014 caused damages in excess of \$100,000 in the towns of Poultney, Woodstock, Stockbridge, and Randolph. Hail storms in May and July 2014 damaged more than one hundred homes and public facilities in Rutland County. Flooding in Windham and Windsor Counties on July 28, 2014 caused more than \$1 million of damage in a handful of communities in southeastern Vermont. And frozen municipal water pipes associated with the coldest February on record in February 2015 caused more than \$2 million in damages to municipalities. Vermont has absorbed these costs without federal assistance. A few communities that were hit by the June 9 also incurred damages from the February 2015 frozen pipe event; for example, Richmond had \$23,000 in frozen pipe damages in February, while Milton had \$83,000 in frozen pipe damages).

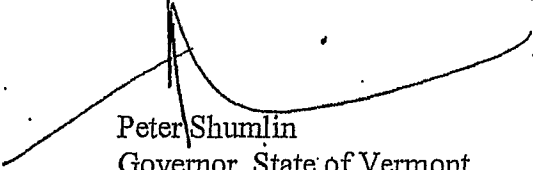
There are still several roads that are "one lane only" and some residents who are not able to access their homes without a hike. But on the surface, after the Richmond water supply was restored and Richmond schools reopened, life quickly returned to normal in the communities flooded on June 9. There were, however, impacts from the event that are not immediately evident. For example, the flooding was a hard blow for local farmers. The USDA Farm Service Agency reports that four producers had crop losses in Richmond, Colchester, Huntington and Burlington totaling over 65 acres. Lost crops included pumpkins, strawberries, squash, green, carrots, scallions and cucumbers. While it is not possible to attribute these losses solely to the June 9 event, the heavy rains that day played a key role in the damage. USDA also received 12 reports of "prevented planting" in Addison County—farm fields too wet or with too much standing water to plant corn crop. Much of the corn that was planted prior to the June 9 event is not very tall and yellow due to the rains and flooded fields.

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But by far the greatest remaining unmet recovery need is for financial assistance to the impacted communities to complete road repairs without the shock of severe economic disruption to businesses and families which would result from double digit increases in local property taxes to cover repairs which overwhelm their annual operating budgets. The total sum here, \$1.3 million, may be a relatively small sum by national Public Assistance standards, but for a state of only 625,000 people, and particularly for the communities of Addison and Chittenden Counties, the damages and impacts from June 9 were of a magnitude sufficient to request federal assistance under the Stafford Act.

Thank you for your continuing support of the State of Vermont and our citizens.

Sincerely,



Peter Shumlin
Governor, State of Vermont

Enclosures

- A: N/A (Individual Assistance not requested)
- B: Public Assistance
- C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs
- OMB No. 1660-0009/FEMA Form 010-0-13
- D. "For the Record" Weather Summary Memo regarding June 9, 2015.

ENCLOSURE A TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Requirements for Individual Assistance
under the Stafford Act

The State of Vermont is not requesting Individual Assistance for this event.

ENCLOSURE B TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Stafford Act Requirements for Public Assistance

VERMONT

State \$1.41
County \$3.56

Date:	PUBLIC DAMAGE								GOAL		
7/8/2015	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL	POP. '10	\$/CAP.	\$3.56/CAP.
Report #:											
Addison Co	\$0	\$0	\$602,299	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$602,299	36,821	\$16.36	\$131,083
Bennington Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	37,125	\$0.00	\$132,165
Caledonia Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	31,227	\$0.00	\$111,168
Chittenden Co	\$0	\$4,000	\$640,548	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,295	\$706,843	156,545	\$4.52	\$557,300
Essex Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	6,306	\$0.00	\$22,449
Franklin Co	\$0	\$4,000	\$22,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,200	\$35,600	47,746	\$0.75	\$169,976
Grand Isle Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	6,970	\$0.00	\$24,813
Lamoille Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	24,475	\$0.00	\$87,131
Orange Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	28,936	\$0.00	\$103,012
Orleans Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	27,231	\$0.00	\$96,942
Rutland Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	61,642	\$0.00	\$219,446
Washington Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	59,534	\$0.00	\$211,941
Windham Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	44,513	\$0.00	\$158,466
Windsor Co	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	56,670	\$0.00	\$201,745
State Agencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<i>State POP</i>	<i>\$/CAP.</i>	<i>\$1.41/CAP</i>
TOTALS	\$0	\$8,000	\$1,265,247	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71,495	\$1,344,742	625,741	\$2.15	\$1,000,000

NOTES:	DEBRIS	PROTECTIVE	ROAD	WATER	BUILDINGS &	PUBLIC	PARKS &	
	CLEARANCE	MEASURES	SYSTEM	CONTROL	EQUIPMENT	UTILITY	OTHER	625,741
PDA								
Percentages	0.00%	0.59%	94.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.32%	

ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Assistance from Other Federal Agency Programs

County	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHWA	USACE	OTHER
<i>Addison</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		
<i>Chittenden</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		
Totals	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>		

Note: Provide numbers and amounts, as appropriate.

ENCLOSURE D TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Weather Service
Weather Forecast Office Burlington, VT
1200 Airport Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403
www.weather.gov/btv

July 13, 2015

MEMORANDUM: FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Scott Whittier, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
 NOAA/National Weather Service Burlington, VT

SUBJECT: Weather Summary for the Flash Flooding of 9 June 2015

On June 9th, a series of showers and thunderstorms with heavy rainfall moved along a quasi-stationary boundary across portions of Addison-Chittenden-Lamoille and Washington counties. This heavy rainfall fell across an area that had already witnessed more than 200 percent of rainfall from late May to early June, thus antecedent conditions were extremely saturated.

This "training effect", where showers and thunderstorms traveled over the same area over and over, during the morning and afternoon/evening hours of June 9th produced a significant band of 3 to 5+ inches of rainfall (Figure 1, Table 1) across portions of Addison and Chittenden counties, that resulted in damaging flash flooding.

Significant, damaging flash flooding to roads, culverts and driveways were reported and observed in several communities. Also, a NWS storm damage survey in Richmond, Huntington and Bolton revealed more than 5 inches of rain fell in portions of the headwaters of the Huntington River in Huntington.

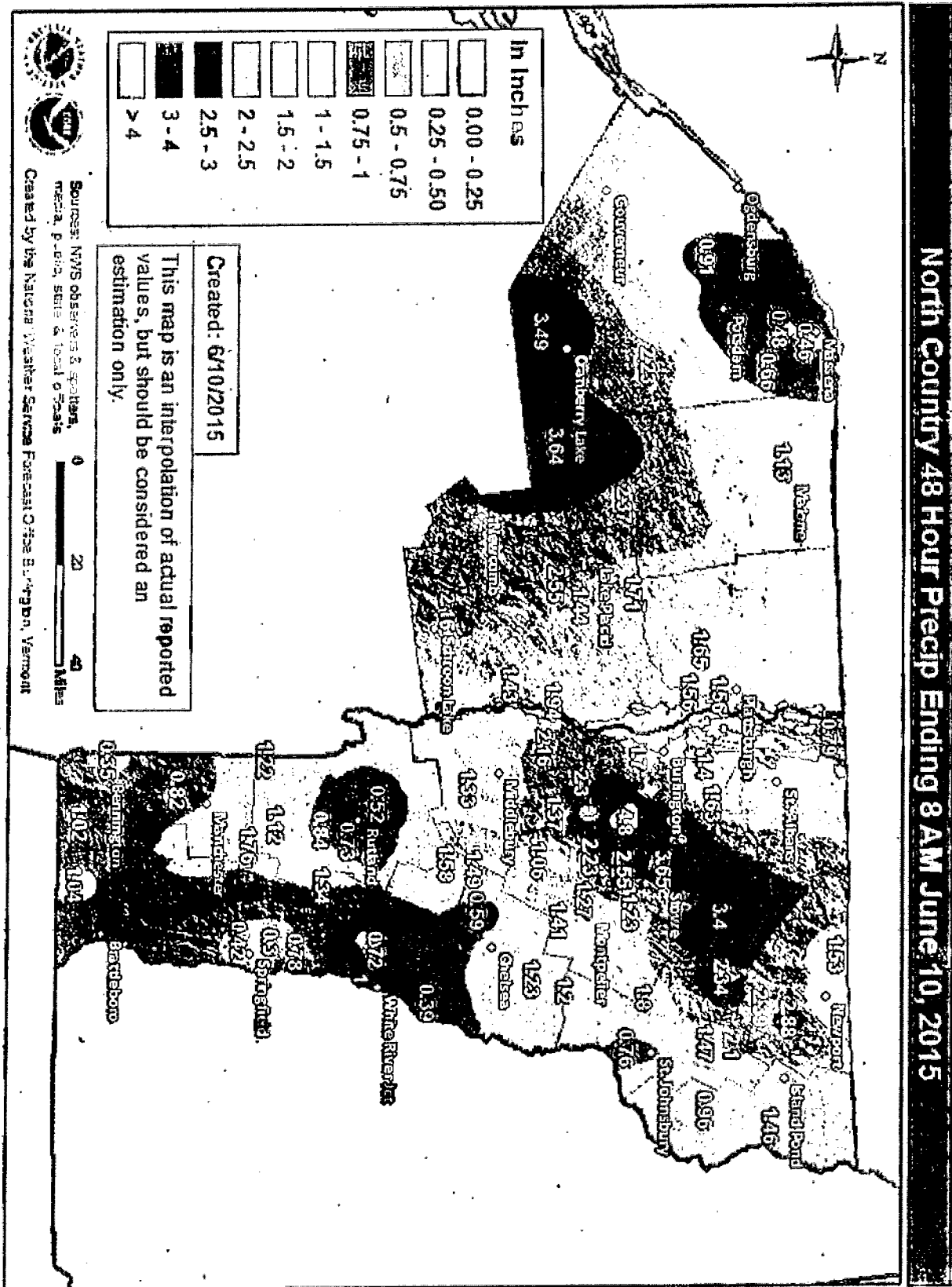


Figure 1 – Total Observed Rainfall June 9, 2015

Table 1 – Total Observed Rainfall June 9, 2015

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BURLINGTON VT

133 PM EDT WED JUN 10 2015

LOCATION	AMOUNT	TIME/DATE	LAT/LON
...ADDISON COUNTY...			
1 NW HANKSVILLE	4.74 IN	0818 AM 06/10	44.26N/72.98W
1 E MONKTON RIDGE	2.30 IN	0831 AM 06/10	44.26N/73.10W
SOUTH LINCOLN	2.25 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.07N/72.97W
3 N SOUTH LINCOLN	2.16 IN	0815 AM 06/10	44.11N/72.98W
1 SSE VERGENNES	2.16 IN	0828 AM 06/10	44.15N/73.25W
2 E SOUTH LINCOLN	2.15 IN	0815 AM 06/10	44.07N/72.94W
MIDDLEBURY AIRPORT	1.57 IN	0755 AM 06/10	43.98N/73.10W
1 ESE RIPTON	1.41 IN	0815 AM 06/10	43.97N/73.01W
STARKSBORO	1.37 IN	0828 AM 06/10	44.20N/72.99W
1 N SALISBURY	1.33 IN	0821 AM 06/10	43.93N/73.10W
...CHITTENDEN COUNTY...			
3 SSE RICHMOND	4.97 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.38N/73.00W
JONESVILLE	4.80 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.38N/72.94W
1 NNE HUNTINGTON	4.11 IN	0800 AM 06/10	44.36N/72.97W
BOLTON VALLEY RESORT	3.94 IN	0800 AM 06/10	44.42N/72.86W
BOLTON	3.81 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.37N/72.88W
NASHVILLE 1 E	2.89 IN	0823 AM 06/10	44.45N/72.93W
2 SSW RICHMOND	2.78 IN	0830 AM 06/10	44.37N/73.02W
1 ENE UNDERHILL CENTER	2.31 IN	0828 AM 06/10	44.52N/72.87W
ESSEX JUNCTION	2.11 IN	0502 AM 06/10	44.51N/73.12W
2 NE SHELBURNE	2.06 IN	0816 AM 06/10	44.40N/73.20W
BURLINGTON INTL AIRPORT	2.05 IN	0754 AM 06/10	44.47N/73.15W
1 SE SOUTH BURLINGTON	2.03 IN	0830 AM 06/10	44.43N/73.20W
1 ENE MALLETT'S BAY	2.02 IN	0820 AM 06/10	44.55N/73.20W
2 SE SOUTH BURLINGTON	1.70 IN	0820 AM 06/10	44.42N/73.19W

1 NE WILLISTON	1.69 IN	0829 AM 06/10	44.44N/73.06W
WESTFORD	1.63 IN	0804 AM 06/10	44.63N/73.04W
MILTON	1.40 IN	0820 AM 06/10	44.60N/73.15W
1 ESE SAND BAR STATE PARK	0.93 IN	0430 AM 06/10	44.61N/73.21W
...LAMOILLE COUNTY...			
1 W STOWE	3.65 IN	0800 AM 06/10	44.48N/72.71W
3 NE HYDE PARK	3.40 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.64N/72.55W
LAKE ELMORE RAWES	2.88 IN	0502 AM 06/10	44.54N/72.53W
HYDE PARK	2.67 IN	0828 AM 06/10	44.62N/72.57W
1 N STOWE	2.41 IN	0818 AM 06/10	44.49N/72.68W
MORRISVILLE-STOWE STATE AIRP	2.20 IN	0754 AM 06/10	44.54N/72.62W
2 ESE MOSCOW	2.06 IN	0824 AM 06/10	44.43N/72.67W
...WASHINGTON COUNTY...			
WATERBURY 3.3 NE	2.82 IN	0615 AM 06/10	44.36N/72.70W
WATERBURY CENTER	2.55 IN	0802 AM 06/10	44.37N/72.70W
MORETOWN	2.23 IN	0500 AM 06/10	44.28N/72.74W
NORTHFIELD	1.92 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.16N/72.66W
CABOT 2.3 E	1.83 IN	0545 AM 06/10	44.40N/72.27W
CABOT 3.9 ENE	1.80 IN	0600 AM 06/10	44.42N/72.23W
WORCESTER 2 W	1.56 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.37N/72.58W
WAITSFIELD	1.53 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.18N/72.80W
WAITSFIELD	1.51 IN	0830 AM 06/10	44.15N/72.82W
MONTPELIER AIRPORT	1.41 IN	0751 AM 06/10	44.20N/72.56W
PLAINFIELD	1.31 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.28N/72.42W
MONTPELIER 2	1.27 IN	0700 AM 06/10	44.26N/72.60W
WORCESTER	1.23 IN	0829 AM 06/10	44.38N/72.58W
1 E EAST WARREN	1.06 IN	0823 AM 06/10	44.11N/72.80W

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date Jul 20, 2015

Burden Disclosure Notice

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. Vermont	2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 625,741
3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Peter Shumlin	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Robert Schell, 800 347-0488

5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number
 Justin Johnson, 802 828-3322

6. Declaration Request For: Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date June 9, 2015 End Date June 9, 2015 or Continuing *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought Earthquake Explosion Fire Flood Hurricane Landslide Mudslide
 Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning) Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) Straight-Line Winds
 Tidal Wave Tornado Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Tsunami Volcanic Eruption Winter Storm
 Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
 During the late afternoon of June 9, following more than a week of sporadic heavy rains, a series of severe thunderstorms with torrential rainfall caused flooding in northwestern Vermont. Between 2 and 5 inches fell in a few hours in portions of Addison and Chittenden Counties, washing over roads, destroying drainage structures, damaging the town water supply in Richmond, and cutting off access to hundreds of residences. Impact was concentrated in the towns of Starksboro and Weybridge in Addison County, both of which lost major structures, and in Bolton, Huntington, Milton, Richmond, Underhill, and on State Forest trails in Chittenden County. In Weybridge, the impact was \$287 per capita; in Starksboro, \$192/capita; in Bolton, \$297 per capita; and in Huntington \$114 per capita. It should also be noted that the Chittenden County communities and Starksboro are still reeling financially from DR4207, the ice storm which hit most of Vermont in December 2014.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
 The impacted communities adhered to their Local Emergency Operations Plans and took immediate action to restore emergency access for their residents, with assistance Vermont Agency of Transportation District 5 personnel. Communities reported damages to the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security via the Chittenden and Addison County Regional Planning Commissions, respectively, pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) is provided from State of Vermont general fund to assist impacted municipalities with a percentage of non-federal cost share (ranging from 30% of nonfederal share to 70% of nonfederal share, depending on impacted communities' status with respect to five criteria articulated in Vermont's ERAF Rule (attached). Communities are responsible for raising their portion of non-federal cost share through local property taxes.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

Individual Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Individual Assistance is not requested at this time.

Public Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested June 24, 2015 Start June 26, 2015 End July 2, 2015

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Despite significant damages to some roadways, Preliminary Damage Assessment teams were able to drive to within viewing distance of all damaged locations.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance N/A Individuals and Households Crisis Counseling Program Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 All Disaster Case Management Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

Public Assistance N/A Debris Removal (Category A) Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Public Assistance for Addison and Chittenden Counties.

For Addison County, validated damages from Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment were \$602,299, more than four times the county's indicator threshold of \$131, 083. Damage was Category C (roads and culverts), concentrated in two small communities, Weybridge and Starksboro.

For Chittenden County (Vermont's most populous county), validated damages from Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment were \$706,843, exceeding the county's indicator threshold of \$557,300. Damage was Category C (roads and culverts), concentrated in the communities of Bolton, Huntington, Milton, Richmond, and Underhill.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

N/A I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date November 18, 2018 b. Type of Plan Enhanced Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on June 9, 2015 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

- Cover Letter Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
- Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
- Additional Supporting Documentation NWS Memo to File (included with cover letter)



Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

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If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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