

# 2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 904**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 13, 2026

4 *A BILL to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to allow the Virginia Disaster*  
5 *Assistance Fund be used for post-disaster recovery projects aligned with state or local floodplain*  
6 *management standards.*

7 Patron—Lopez

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9 Committee Referral Pending

10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 1. *That the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall amend its*  
12 *criteria for awarding money from the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (the Fund) to allow for moneys*  
13 *from the Fund to be used for post-disaster recovery projects that are consistent with state floodplain*  
14 *management standards for state-owned buildings or local floodplain standards, whichever are more*  
15 *stringent. The Department shall give priority to projects that use nature-based solutions or promote green*  
16 *infrastructure when possible. The Department shall coordinate with the Interagency Resilience Management*  
17 *Team, convened pursuant to § 2.2-220.5 of the Code of Virginia, when evaluating new applications for*  
18 *awards from the Fund to ensure that such projects are aligned with the Commonwealth's resilience*  
19 *principles.*

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