

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB937 **Patron:** Franklin
Bill Title: Virginia Resiliency Grant Program and Fund.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Virginia Resiliency Grant Program and Fund, administered by the Department of Emergency Management, to award local governing bodies grants of up to \$100,000 to support disaster recovery from those disasters and emergencies for which federal assistance under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is unavailable. The bill also authorizes the Department to establish a Virginia Disaster Individual Assistance Program to support households impacted by disasters or emergencies for which federal individual assistance is unavailable or insufficient.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 399

Explanation: Additional funding is needed to support one position and may also be needed for one-time procurement costs for a technology system and ongoing licensing and maintenance costs for the technology system.

Fiscal Summary: In order to meet the provisions of this bill, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) anticipates the need for one additional full-time employee, with an ongoing annual cost of \$158,837. The bill allows VDEM to establish the Virginia Disaster Individual Assistance Program. If VDEM establishes the individual assistance program, VDEM also anticipates the need for a technology system, with a one-time procurement cost of \$1,000,000 and ongoing licensing and maintenance costs of \$250,000 annually.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDEM		\$158,837 to \$1,158,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837
TOTAL		\$158,837 to \$1,158,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837	\$158,837 to \$408,837

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
VDEM		1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL		1	1	1	1	1

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Fiscal Analysis: According to VDEM, the administration of the Virginia Resiliency Grant Program and establishment of a State Individual Assistance Program will require one additional full-time employee (Financial Services Manager I, IA Grants Program Manager). The estimated position cost is \$132,003, including salary and benefits. Estimated annual overhead cost for the position is \$26,834.

In order to establish a State Individual Assistance Program, VDEM would procure an appropriate technology system to support individual registration, eligibility verification, payment processing, and reporting. VDEM estimates an initial one-time technology cost of \$1.0 million, with ongoing annual licensing and maintenance costs of approximately \$250,000.

Other: None