

MEPA Regs and State/Federal funds

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To whom it may concern,

I was wondering if you may be able to clarify what constitutes “state funding” in this iteration of updates.

There are several federal programs that supply federal funds to states to further disburse. Would these programs require MEPA review if thresholds are met?

Examples are USACE- DFG ILF program and FEMA grant funding.

For FEMA grants,

- MEMA applies to FEMA for funding
- If FEMA accepts application from MEMA, then they become the “applicant”
- MEMA and FEMA request applications for funding from “sub applicants” (municipalities, nonprofits, state agencies)
- FEMA supplies money to MEMA to disburse to sub applicants
 - MEMA is responsible for funding and has approval authority on projects along with FEMA

Any clarification you are able to provide would be helpful.

Thank you,

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