



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

October 1, 2013

The Honorable Benjamin Barnes
Secretary, Office of Policy & Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Secretary Barnes,

Upon review and discussion with senior management staff, we have determined that in the event of a federal government shutdown there will be no immediate financial impact to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

We have been assured that grant-funded projects that have been awarded, obligated, and released by FEMA will not be affected by the lapse of FY14 appropriations and work can continue unimpeded. Most of our 52 grant funded positions (89%) were awarded with Fiscal Year 2012 funding or prior. The total amount of federally funded positions average \$80,000 (bi-weekly).

We will continue to operate as usual and enter draw-down requests using the Federal Government Payment and Reporting System (PARS). I have instructed the grant staff to enter all current draw-down requests for Federal funds by close of business September 30, 2013.

We have been further reassured that essential services for emergency management would not be affected by a shutdown.

Please feel free to contact me should you or your office require additional or more detailed information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reuben F. Bradford".

Reuben F. Bradford
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