



STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

February 12, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Denial of Emergency Declaration request, 59th Presidential Inauguration

Dear Mr. President,

On January 17, 2021, The State of Maryland was denied an Emergency Declaration for Category B, Emergency Protective Measures and Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) for response actions directly related to the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Pursuant to 44 CFR, 206.46, this letter and attached supporting documentation serves as the appeal to that decision.

Lead state agencies, to include the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Maryland State Police (MSP), and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), as well as many local government agencies began incurring costs for in-state activities directly in response to the Inauguration on January 6, 2021. At the time of the request, costs were estimated at \$5 million. Potential threats and impacts were considered for counties surrounding the District of Columbia, areas around the state Capitol, and all areas in the State of Maryland. Also, Direct Federal Assistance was expected, but exact need was unknown due to the unpredictable nature of the event.

Routine planning for potential impacts from the Inauguration were in the planning stages for months; however, the breach of the Capitol on January 6, 2021 demonstrated a need for additional coordination and planning leading up to January 20, 2021 due to unforeseen threats in and around the District of Columbia and surrounding states, to include threats to state capitals. Emergency operations centers (EOCs) at both the state and local levels activated to both monitor and coordinate necessary support. Significant, necessary, and reasonable preparations and actions were taken to ensure overall safety of the public throughout the events surrounding the Inauguration.

Beyond the previously existing documentation, additional post-event data has been collected. Responding agencies spent an estimated \$571,204.54 on emergency protective measures eligible under FEMA Public Assistance Category B. As outlined in the updated Enclosure A, responding agencies on the state and local levels provided planning and coordination, as well as law enforcement and traffic control within the borders of the state. In addition to these efforts, law enforcement teams were placed on standby for response to potential threats both in the state and the District of Columbia. This included Mobile Force, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), and Special Emergency Response (SERT) teams in various departments for in-state response.

As stated in the original request, the State of Maryland is experiencing unprecedented fiscal challenges due to COVID-19. Additionally, personnel performing emergency protective measures for COVID-19 were also staffed to provide support for the Inauguration response activities, causing an unprecedented burden on staffing levels throughout the state. I am requesting you approve this declaration request following the state and local governments conducting emergency protective measures in direct support of the Federal Presidential Inauguration.

Thank you for consideration of this appeal. Please contact Russell Strickland at russell.strickland@maryland.gov or 410-517-3601 for additional information.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan
Governor

Attachment:
Enclosure A to Emergency Request-Appeal

ENCLOSURE A TO EMERGENCY REQUEST

(Estimated Requirements)

Estimated requirements for other Federal agency programs: No support from federal agencies were used in response to the 59th Presidential Inauguration within the State of Maryland.

Totals for Direct Federal Assistance: N/A

Estimated Requirements for assistance under the Stafford Act:

	Amount
Coordination	\$200,271.48
Technical and advisory assistance	\$1,200
Debris removal	\$0
Emergency protective measures	\$367,784.64
Individuals and Households Program (IHP)	\$0
Distribution of emergency supplies	\$1,948.42
Other (specify)	\$0
Totals:	\$571,204.54
Grand Total (Stafford Act)	\$571,204.54

Note: Estimates are to reflect total costs before any cost sharing.