FEDERAL RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS
FLINT, MICHIGAN

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is coordinating efforts with federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Small Business Administration (SBA), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to respond to the water crisis in Flint from January 2016 through December 2016. By September 2016, federal agencies had provided more than $51 million in additional grant funding to state and local agencies and organizations in addition to in-kind services, commodities and technical assistance to meet the needs of Flint residents. In December 2016, Congress provided an additional $170 million for Flint recovery efforts including pipe replacement.

PERSONNEL
up to 106 Federal Staff
at the height of the response were on the ground in Flint working with residents, community leaders and officials from state and county agencies. Federal staff continue to support the community.

ENSURING ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

more than 26.9 million
liters of water were provided to the state of Michigan by FEMA, plus 50,000 water and pitcher filters, and 243,842 filter replacement cartridges between January 19 and August 14, 2016.

100 percent of HUD-insured and HUD-assisted properties have water filters installed and these filters are being kept up to date.

$325,000 of a HUD existing lead paint hazard grant for public housing in Flint that was approved for use in this crisis.

6,600 water samples have been taken by EPA from nearly 700 properties for multiple types of tests. Tests have shown that filters on home faucets are removing lead. Tests also show the system continues to recover.
PROTECTING HEALTH

over 25,000 children, youth up to 21, and pregnant women now have access to new health services because of the expansion of Medicaid.

$475,194 through a SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant is funding behavioral health and other services including special outreach to people with limited English proficiency or hearing or vision impairments.

17,000 low-income recipients of USDA’s The Emergency Food Assistance Program received additional 14-pound nutrient-targeted food packages each month for four months in the fall of 2016.

$120 million over 5 years under the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)’s Health Services Initiative can be used to coordinate and target lead abatement services – including pipe replacement – in homes of children and pregnant women who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP.

$158,750 in USDA funds expanded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for schools to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the 2016-2017 school year, and help correct possible effects of lead on children’s health. In the 2015-2016 school year, $62,700 in additional USDA funds helped schools, including four additional schools serving 1,200 students, purchase more fresh produce.

4,000 residents engaged with 8 members of the joint EPA- HHS public engagement team which attended more than 30 community events over 8 weeks this summer.

$300,000 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services allowed the Greater Flint Health Coalition to support and coordinate outreach and enrollment efforts to get more eligible children in Flint enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program and help connect children to needed services.

over $310,000 from the Department of Transportation will help increase mobility for older adults to non-emergency medical care as well as health, wellness, and prevention activities such as recreation centers, parks, and farmers markets.

183 community members participated basic Psychological First Aid (PFA) skills training taught by U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers. These experts also taught a Train the Trainers course to 32 providers so that they, in turn, could provide PFA training to over 500 community members.

almost $5 million over the next five years through SAMHSA’s RecAST grant program promotes access to behavioral health services to help youth and families recover from trauma.

$1 million helped Genesee Health System increase patient capacity and provide additional comprehensive primary and preventive health services. The grant was one of 10 in Michigan totaling $10 million.

more than $135,000 in HHS annual quality health care grants assisted the city’s two health care centers in further expanding quality care for patients. An additional $119,000 helped the two centers improve their health IT systems.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR COMMUNITY RECOVERY

$400,000 in additional funding from the Small Business Administration is supporting existing small business programs in Flint. SBA also opened a business recovery center to help businesses with low-interest disaster loans.

using more than $197,000 in Economic Adjustment Assistance grant funding from the Economic Development Administration, the Flint Genesis Chamber of Commerce, the Genesee Area Focus Fund, and the City of Flint are studying how best to redevelop Buick City and construct a business accelerator facility on the site.

$500,000 in a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from HUD will aid the City of Flint and the Flint Housing Commission revamp the Atherton East public housing development and surrounding areas - part of the Imagine Flint Master Plan.

$12.8 million from Dept. of Transportation is helping the Flint Mass Transportation Authority purchase Compressed Natural Gas transit buses for Flint and create a workforce development training program for mechanics and drivers.

up to $15 million in National Delocated Worker Grant funding from the Department of Labor created approximately 400 temporary jobs for eligible Flint residents to assist with the recovery work; the grants also fund career and training services to help them find permanent work.

2016 HUD extended the Strong Cities, Strong Communities (S2) program in Flint through 2016 to focus on economic development.

$20 million in funds from the Dept. of Transportation for reconstruction of major thoroughfares in Flint is helping to create bike lanes, sidewalks, and traffic signals at the same time as underlying water transmission lines are replaced.

$400,000 in U.S. Department of Commerce funding helped the University of Michigan Flint provide technical assistance and conduct research that advances high-growth entrepreneurship and a diversified economy.

with a $3.7 million FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, Flint can restore 33 firefighter positions in the city.

$1.9 million from the Economic Development Administration supported Kettering University’s Automotive Research Area project which includes transforming an unused industrial area into a low-speed race course and garage facility and collaborating with industry on automotive advancements.

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