

MAKING AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

HIS REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$537,223 IN BUDGETARY AUTHORITY FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AMOUNT MADE AVAILABLE AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(D)(i) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO 31 U.S.C. 1107



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 21, 1995.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 103-327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, I hereby make available appropriations totaling \$537,223 in budget authority for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These funds will be used to provide a community disaster loan to the North Coast Railroad Authority.

I designate the amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with her comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

Estimate No. 19
104th Congress, 1st Session



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 21, 1995

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available emergency appropriations for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to FEMA in order to provide a community disaster loan to the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA).

Public Law 103-327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, provided a \$12,500,000 contingent emergency appropriation for the community disaster loan program, authorized under section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$12,500,000 has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. Of the total available, \$537,223 is now requested to enable FEMA to make a loan to the NCRA in the amount of \$615,658 at the 1996 budget execution subsidy rate of 87.26 percent. The NCRA, which is an eligible applicant under section 417 of the Stafford Act, suffered a loss of revenue due to damages from a winter storm that struck the northern coast of California in early 1993.

I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No further congressional action will be required.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Rivlin
Director

Enclosure

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT**

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Disaster assistance direct loan program
account..... \$537,223

Title VI, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, contained in Public Law 103-327, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 1995, provided \$12.5 million for the community disaster loan program (section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act). The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. None of the \$12.5 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available.

At this time, \$537,223 in subsidy budget authority is required to enable the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide a community disaster loan to the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) in the amount of \$615,658. The NCRA, which is an eligible applicant under section 417 of the Stafford Act, suffered a loss of revenue due to damages from a winter storm that struck the northern coast of California in early 1993 (for which a Presidential disaster declaration was made on February 2, 1993).