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## **AN ACT**

To ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Accountability,  
5 Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal  
3 Emergency Management Agency shall ensure the ongoing  
4 modernization of the grant systems for the administration  
5 of assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
6 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)  
7 includes the following:

8 (1) An online interface, including online assist-  
9 ance, for applicants to complete application forms,  
10 submit materials, and access the status of applica-  
11 tions.

12 (2) Mechanisms to eliminate duplication of ben-  
13 efits.

14 (3) If appropriate, enable the sharing of infor-  
15 mation among agencies and with State, local, and  
16 tribal governments, to eliminate the need to file mul-  
17 tiple applications and speed disaster recovery.

18 (4) Any additional tools the Administrator de-  
19 termines will improve the implementation of this sec-  
20 tion.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—To the extent practicable,  
22 the Administrator shall deliver the system capabilities de-  
23 scribed in subsection (a) in increments or iterations as  
24 working components for applicant use.

1 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

2       No additional funds are authorized to carry out the  
3 requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be car-  
4 ried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

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