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To amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentive States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “Disaster Management
5 Costs Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT COSTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 324 of the Robert T.
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5165b) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
6 section (d); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(c) USE OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR MANAGEMENT
10 COSTS.—

11 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
12 ‘excess funds for management costs’ means the dif-
13 ference between—

14 “(A) the amount of the applicable specific
15 management costs authorized under subsection
16 (b); and

17 “(B) as of the date on which the incident
18 is closed, the amount of funding for manage-
19 ment costs activities expended by the grantee or
20 subgrantee receiving the financial assistance for
21 costs described in subparagraph (A).

22 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS FUNDS FOR
23 MANAGEMENT COSTS.—The President may make
24 available to a grantee or subgrantee receiving finan-
25 cial assistance under section 403, 404, 406, 407, or
26 502 any excess funds for management costs.

1 “(3) USE OF FUNDS.—Excess funds for man-
2 agement costs made available to a grantee or sub-
3 grantee under paragraph (2) may be used for activi-
4 ties associated with building capacity to respond to
5 or recover from the types of incidents for which as-
6 sistance may be made available under section 403,
7 404, 406, 407, or 502 and to provide such assist-
8 ance, including for providing training and other ac-
9 tivities associated with any major disaster or emer-
10 gency declaration, or to otherwise prepare for such
11 an incident.

12 “(4) AVAILABILITY.—Excess funds for manage-
13 ment costs made available to a grantee or sub-
14 grantee under paragraph (2) shall remain available
15 to the grantee or subgrantee until the date that is
16 5 years after the date on which the excess funds for
17 management costs are made available under para-
18 graph (2).”.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
20 section (a) shall apply with respect to any incident for
21 which a major disaster or emergency is declared under sec-
22 tion 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford
23 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
24 5170, 5191) that is open on, or occurs on or after, the
25 date of enactment of this Act.