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I have received the below additional information:

The Energy Allocation Initiative is managed by the state. It is NJ's responsibility to decide how they will use the funding and prioritize projects submitted to FEMA and be accountable for the use of those federal funds. NJ requested an increase in funding from \$25 million to \$40 million. How and why the funding was increased is not a question we would pose the State. We are only here to guide them as to whether what they would like is or is not compliant with programmatic regulations.

FEMA Decision Making Process: Until the Agency receives projects, and has completed a review, it does not have a programmatic opinion because an eligibility determination is not yet formulated on the project. The Agency's standard response until a project is approved is "Under Review."

I am attaching 2 documents: 1) The letter received outlining funding priorities and their program areas and 2) the projects received for funding consideration under the EAI program. Again, FEMA has not obligated funds towards the EAI program because projects recently submitted are still under review.