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Honorable Clerk of the House, Clerk of the Senate, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair and members, House Ways and Means Committee Chair and members, and Chairs of the Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management:

Pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 2HHHHHH of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I write to submit the inaugural annual report on the activities of the Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund (“the Fund”) for calendar year 2025.

Background and Statutory Purpose of the Fund

The Fund was established by the Legislature in 2024 under Section 2HHHHHH of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws as a separate, non-budgeted special revenue fund. The Fund was designed to provide a flexible, responsive source of state assistance for communities, residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations experiencing damage, hardship, or loss due to natural or catastrophic events. An event includes but is not limited to, a hurricane, tornado, storm, extreme rain, flood, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, extreme wind, extreme heat or cold temperature, explosion, catastrophic agricultural loss, fire or drought.

The statute provides that amounts credited to the Fund shall be expended without further appropriation, that the unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure in future fiscal years, and that no expenditure made from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficit at any point.

This report is submitted pursuant to subsection (d), which requires the Secretary to provide an annual summary of income, expenditures, program activity, and administrative progress.

I. Expenditures From the Fund

No expenditures were made from the Fund during calendar year 2025. The Fund received its initial transfer of \$14,000,000 only recently, and no catastrophic events occurring after the date of transfer met the criteria for activation of the Fund.

II. Amount, Recipient, and Reason of Each Expenditure

Because no expenditures were made during the reporting period, there are no recipients or expenditure amounts to report.

III. Income Received by the Fund

During calendar year 2025, the Fund received a single deposit: \$14,000,000 transferred from the FY25 consolidated net surplus pursuant to Section 229 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024. No additional revenue was deposited into the Fund in 2025.

Total income for calendar year 2025: \$14,000,000.

IV. Programs Developed or Supported by the Fund

Because the Fund received revenue only at the end of the year and no qualifying disaster occurred thereafter, no programs have yet been launched as of the date of this report.

V. Application Approval and Submission Process

Because no expenditures have been made to date and no qualifying disaster has occurred since the Fund received its initial transfer, the process for information collection and verification, and for disbursement from the Fund, has not yet been activated. Preliminary planning for these processes occurred in 2024 and 2025 and will continue as the Fund becomes operational, consistent with the statute's requirement.

In developing these procedures, A&F anticipates building upon existing processes and capabilities, largely within MEMA, to ensure that any future administrative requirements are as straightforward and familiar as possible for municipalities, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individual recipients. These efforts include exploring opportunities to align information collection with the Initial Disaster Assessment process.

Conclusion

The Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund has now received its inaugural deposit of \$14,000,000 and is positioned to support the Commonwealth's response to future catastrophic events. Over the coming year, the Executive Office for Administration and Finance will continue developing the regulations, guidance, and administrative procedures necessary to ensure that the Fund can be deployed effectively, transparently, and in alignment with statutory requirements.

Sincerely,

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