

arrangements for reciprocal emergency [and civil defense] aid and assistance in case of disaster of extreme nature which affects two or more political subdivisions.

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(a) Each political subdivision may make appropriations in the manner provided by law for the payment of expenses of its local organization for emergency management [and civil defense].

(b) If the federal government or any agency or officer thereof offers to the State or any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or loan for purposes of emergency management [and civil defense] the State, acting through the Governor, or such political subdivision, acting with the consent of the Governor, and through its executive officer or governing body, may accept such offer and may authorize any officer of the State or of the political subdivision as the case may be, to receive such aid and assistance.

(c) If any person, firm or corporation offers to the State or to any political subdivision thereof any aid or assistance, the State and the political subdivision, acting as in (b), above, may accept same.

(d) The State may accept any and all allotments of federal funds and commodities and manage and dispose of same in whatever manner may be required by federal law, and may take advantage of the Federal Disaster Relief Act of 1974 and any amendments and supplements thereto, and any other federal act relating to grants and public assistance for the purposes of this article.

(e) Expenditures necessitated by emergencies will first be made by the use of funds regularly appropriated to State and local agencies. If the Governor finds that these funds are inadequate to cope with a particular emergency, the Board of Public Works may make contingency funds available, as authorized in the budget.

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In carrying out the provisions of this subtitle, the Governor, the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL, and the executive officers or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the State shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the State and of the political subdivisions thereof to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices and agencies shall cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Governor or to the [Secretary] ADJUTANT GENERAL or to the Director and to the