

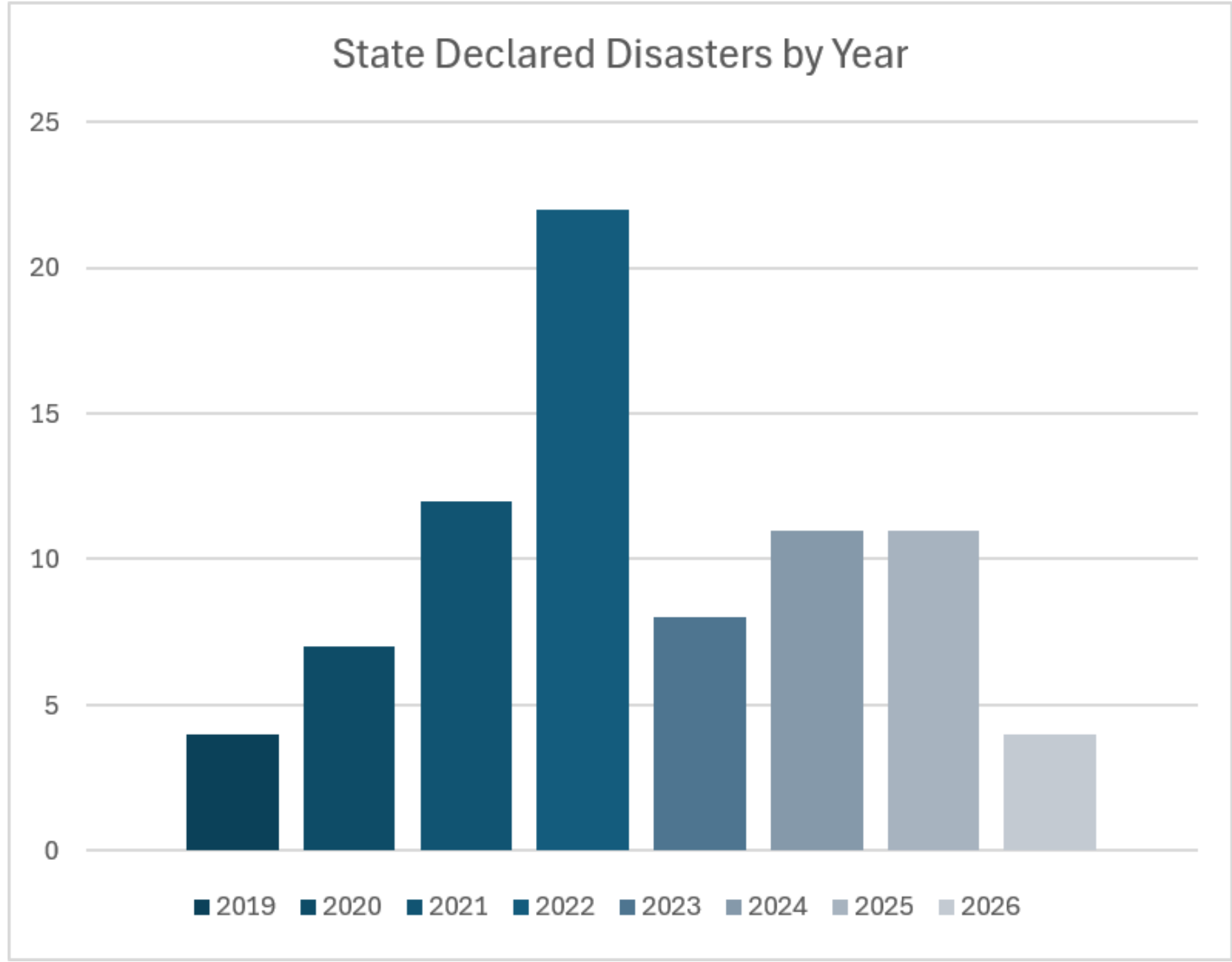
DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

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New Mexico Disaster History

Since 2019, New Mexico has experienced 79 state declared disasters in response to severe weather, wildfires, flooding, and water issues.



New Mexico Disaster History

Since 2007, New Mexico has had 19 Major Disaster Declarations

4

in the last
four years

11

between 2007 and 2020

1

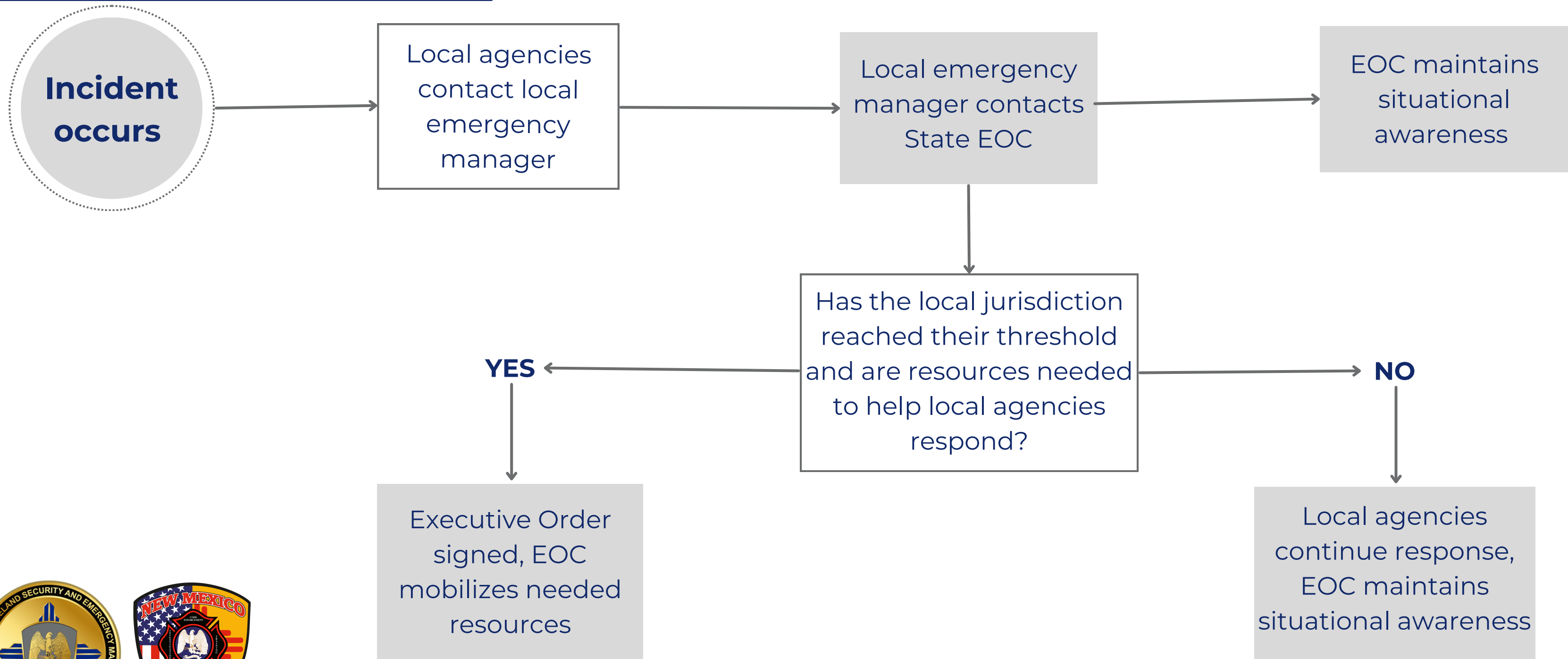
nationwide declaration
(COVID-19)

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direct to
Tribe or Pueblo



Disaster Declarations



Recovery Overview

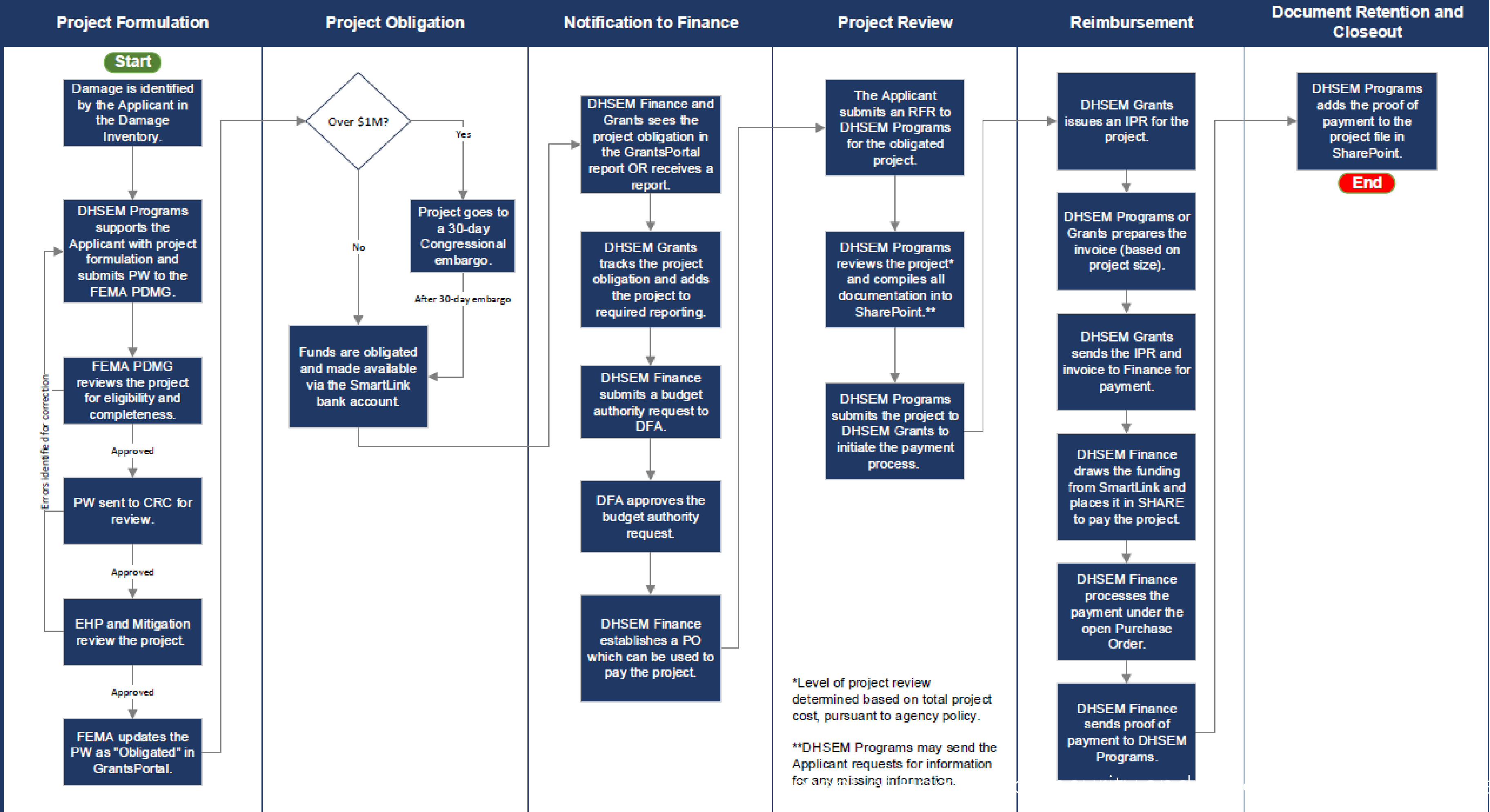
DHSEM is the lead coordinating agency for response and recovery from disasters.

The department's main focus for recovery is supporting local, county, and Tribal entities through the recovery process, which includes:

- Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA)
- Grant funding for public infrastructure repair when eligible
- Technical assistance with FEMA reimbursement when a federal disaster declaration exists

These efforts are currently funded through Executive Orders, as the state does not have a disaster response fund. When FEMA reimbursement is available, all costs must be covered upfront and in most instances, reimbursement takes years to receive.





Recovery for Residents

892

current participants
in DCM program

\$2 billion

worth of application
assistance

While DHSEM cannot directly support residents or private businesses with recovery grants, when a Major Federal Disaster is declared, a **Disaster Case Management grant may become available from the federal government.**

6

counties being
served through four
programs

1,087

cases that have met
all recovery goals

1,825

home/site visits

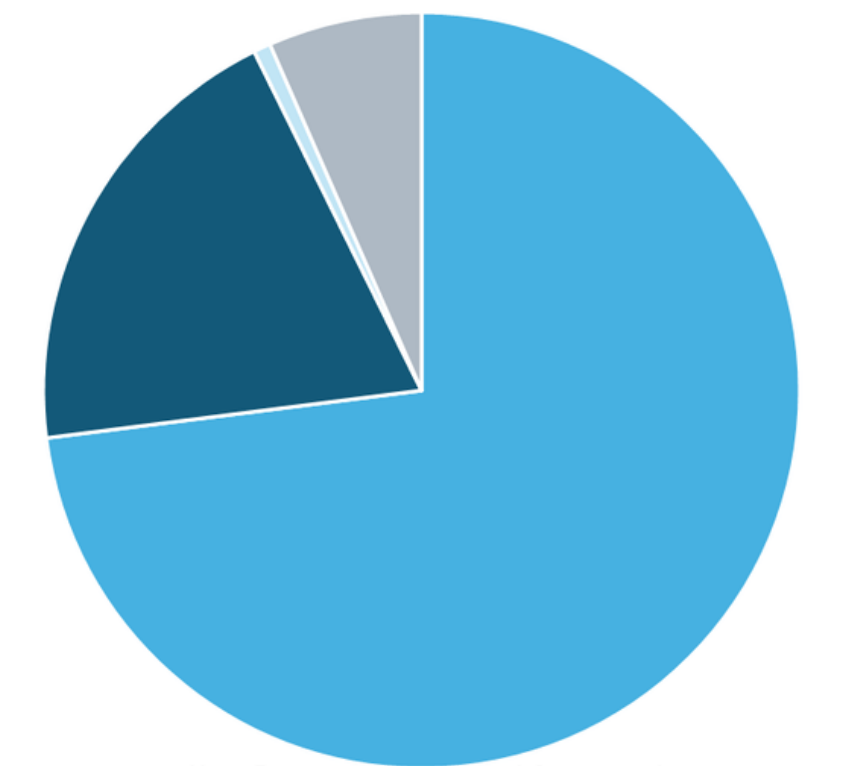


Recovery for Residents

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

At a Glance

The state of New Mexico received a federal grant for \$137 million to help New Mexicans recover from the disasters of 2024 in Lincoln and Chaves counties.



- \$100 M Home Recovery Program
- \$27 M Infrastructure Investment Program
- \$1 M Resilience Planning Program
- \$9 M Action Plan development and administrative cost for 6-year period of performance



Small Business Recovery

Through the DCM grant, an **Economic Recovery Team** has been working in disaster-impacted communities to support small businesses with disaster recovery. The team helps connect businesses to available grants, loans, and other disaster recovery resources. They can also work with small businesses to recommend strategies for disaster preparedness. This support is free and available to small businesses in Lincoln County and Mescalero.

271

small businesses
helped

\$7.1M

worth of applications for SBA loans
supported for 84 businesses



How do we manage disasters?

RECOVERY IS MOST EFFECTIVE
WHEN IT IS **LOCALLY EXECUTED,**
STATE MANAGED, AND FEDERALLY
SUPPORTED.

