

A Homeland Grant Condition Is Not a Canvass

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FEMA's FY2026 Homeland Security Grant holds back part of the award until election conditions are certified. A grant condition is not a canvass. A canvass is not a hash.

Grant conditions attach money to certifications. A canvass counts votes under state election law. A hash fingerprints a file. Mixing the three sentences causes false alarms.

FEMA's FY2026 Homeland Security Grant materials describe holding back part of an award until certain election-related conditions are certified. That is a funding condition. It is not itself a canvass of ballots.

Disaster files and election files may both live on county codes. The register can show a public notice on a county hub without turning a grant NOFO into an election return.

Keep the labels: condition, canvass, hash. Each answers a different question on a different day.

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