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**UAWG Allocation Methodology**

UAWGs must ensure that applications for funding under the UASI support building capability, closing capability gaps, or sustaining capabilities identified in the high-risk urban area’s THIRA/SPR. The UAWG should support state efforts to develop the SPR particularly as it relates to UASI-funded activities. The UAWG, in coordination with the SAA POC, must develop a methodology for allocating funding available through the UASI. The UAWG must reach consensus on all UASI funding allocations. If consensus cannot be reached within the 45-day period allotted for the state to obligate funds to subrecipients, the SAA must make the allocation determination. The SAA must provide written documentation verifying the consensus of the UAWG or the failure to achieve otherwise on the allocation of funds and submit it to FEMA immediately after the 45-day period allotted for the state to obligate funds to subrecipients. Any UASI funds retained by the state must be used in direct support of the high-risk urban area. States must provide documentation to the UAWG, and FEMA upon request, demonstrating how any UASI funds retained by a state are directly supporting the high-risk urban area.