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I have been a part of the Fair industry for over 30 years. I have witnessed and been a part of many instances when a fairgrounds have been a support for emergency response for the community. The facilities available at a fairgrounds are multiple and highly adaptable to most any emergency situation, including fire, floods, earthquakes, as well as housing displaced workers and residents. Many have camping facilities suitable for RV's, as well as tents. They are well suited because of their ability to handle large crowds and have the staff to do so. They can also be ready at a moments notice. This funding could make them better able to fill this role by upgrading their abilities and giving them access to emergency food, water, medical supplies and devices, tents and other temporary housing, and other emergency response equipment. One fairgrounds that I've worked with even has a portable kitchen on wheels that has been used to feed fire crews as well as search and rescue crews. I hope that this measure passes.