

Funds for Unforeseen Events

The budget programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" (hereafter – FUE) is intended for unplanned expenditures resulting from for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses caused thereby, if there is a failure to comply with contractual obligations and a fine or interest payment is charged from the partner, and other unforeseen events and measures significant at the national level. Local government is granted funds for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters, the compensation of losses and damage caused to municipal property or infrastructure owned by the municipality, as well as unforeseen events defined in legal $acts^1$.

Funds from the FUE programme are requested by ministries or other government funded central state institutions. The funds required for subordinate institutions, entrepreneurs or other legal persons are requested by line ministries. The Ministry of Regional Protection and Regional Development (hereafter – MEPRD) makes requests on behalf of municipalities.

Requests are reviewed by the Cabinet of Ministers. In exceptional circumstances when funds have to be granted immediately and the request cannot be reviewed at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, the decision is made by the Minister of Finance.

The law "On the state budget for 2017", FUE has been allocated 41 035 306 euro.

Resource Allocation from FUE in the first quarter of 2017

Institution	Number of requests	Total sum
Cabinet of Ministers	2	54 948
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2	14 215
Ministry of Economics	0	0
Ministry of Finance	14	1 765 647
Ministry of Interior	1	39 954
Ministry of Education and Science	0	0
Ministry of Agriculture	4	1 853 787
Ministry of Transport	2	98 905
Ministry of Welfare	1	11 089
Ministry of Justice	0	0
MEPRD	1	13 320
Ministry of Culture	0	0
Ministry of Health	1	16 075
Prosecutor's Office	1	310 970
Radio and television	2	656 035
Total:	31	4 834 945

In 2017 a total of **4 834 945 euro** was granted from FUE to satisfy **31 requests**.

In the first quarter of 2017, **10 requests** above 100 000 euro were satisfied.

¹ Procedures by which Funds from the Budget Programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" shall be Requested and Used. 22/12/2009, Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nr. 1644, available at: <u>http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=202948,accessed</u> on: 20/10/2016.