WHY LAUNCH **AN IRP?**

During qualified disasters, the recommended first step is to launch an **Immediate Response Program® (IRP).** This unique, low-cost program awards small grants **(<$1,000)** quickly and efficiently in times of large-scale disasters.

IRPs are supplemental to the Fund's Standard Grant Program, which can provide larger dollar amounts and may cover expanded grant criteria. This process has a slightly longer lead time, but results in significant and sustainable impact.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE PROGRAM®

No backup documentation required

"Needs-Based Test" not regulatorily required

Grants awarded upon verification*

STANDARD GRANT PROCESS

Backup documentation required

"Needs-Based Test" regulatorily required

Application review begins within hours and grants are awarded 3-5 days after verification and completed documentation*

**Once a grant is awarded, payment will be initiated within hours.*

GRANT AWARD AND PAYMENT TIMELINE

STANDARD VS. IRP COMPARISON

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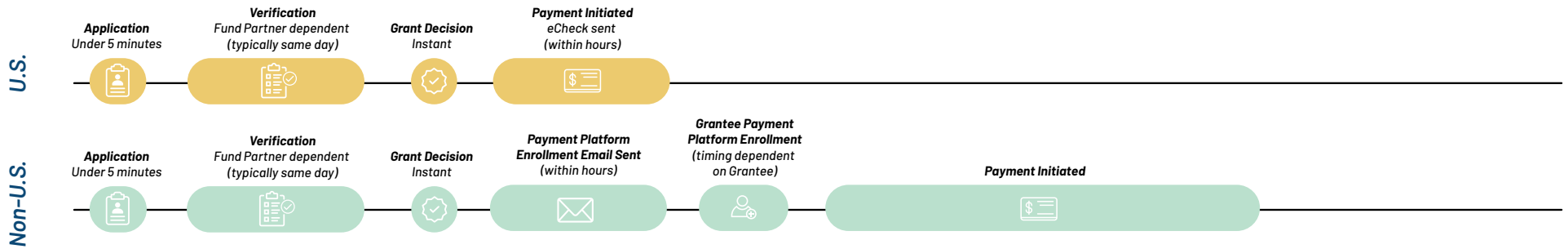
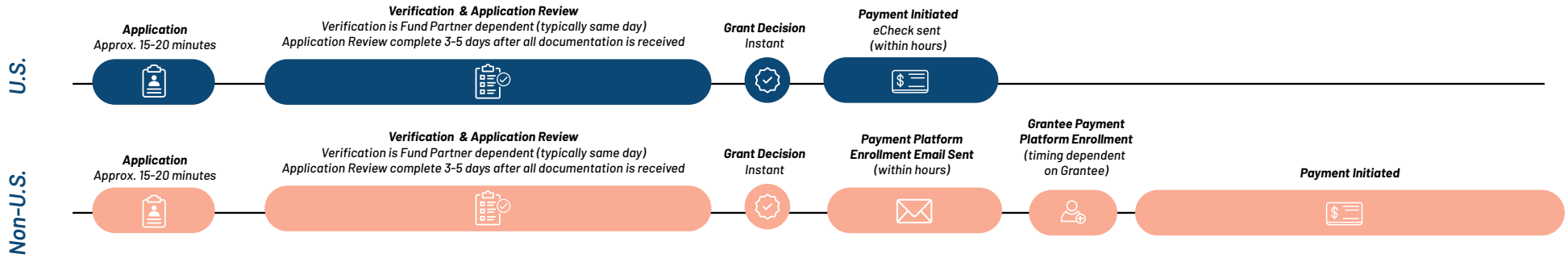
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE PROGRAM® TIMELINE *(Available only during qualified disasters)*



STANDARD GRANT TIMELINE



These charts represent typical timing. During extraordinary disaster periods (such as pandemic or compounded natural disasters), timing may be impacted.

This timeline illustrates grant payments made directly to grantees.

Timeline generally reflects business days.