



Homeland Security

FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program provides resources to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The FY 2014 EMPG program plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System (NPS) by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The FY 2014 EMPG's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas.

In Fiscal Year 2014, DHS will award \$350,100,000 to enhance the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from potential terrorist acts and other hazards.

Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards, and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal government and the states and their political subdivisions. The Federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized in this title so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards.

Funding

In FY 2014, the EMPG Program provides \$350,100,000 to assist state, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended* (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.). This total funding amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund, which FEMA must make available to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association Act (Pub. L. No. 108-188). All 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive a base amount of 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a base amount of 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG Program funds is distributed on a population-share basis.

Eligibility

All 56 States and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply for FY 2014 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agent (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) are eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies, however, only one application will be accepted from each state or territory.

Funding Guidelines

The FY 2014 EMPG Program will focus on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, and construction and renovation in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards core capabilities. For more information, please see the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement. The period of performance for the EMPG Program is 24 months from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015.

A cost match is required under this program. The Federal share that is used towards the EMPG Program budget shall not exceed 50 percent of the total budget. The State must equally match (cash or in-kind) the Federal contribution pursuant to Sections 611(j) and 613 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Pub. L. No. 93-288), as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207). Unless otherwise authorized by law, Federal funds cannot be matched with other Federal funds. In accordance with 48 U.S.C. § 1469a, match requirements are waived for the insular areas: the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Additionally, a maximum of five percent of funds awarded can be used, by both the state and local EMA for Management and Administration (M&A) purposes associated with the grant award. If the SAA is not the EMA, the SAA is not eligible to retain funds for M&A.

Key FY 2014 EMPG Changes

There are no significant changes to the FY 2014 EMPG program.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

FY 2014 EMPG applications will undergo a complete content review within their respective FEMA Region. Each FEMA Region will be responsible for reviewing the FY 2014 EMPG Program Work Plan for their respective states/territories in order to assess their emergency management sustainment and enhancement efforts as well as the linkage to the core capabilities identified in the Goal.