



**FEMA**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2016 EMPG Program?**

The purpose of the FY 2016 EMPG Program is to make grants available to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by Section 662 of the *Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act* (6 U.S.C. § 762) and the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 et seq.). Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (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.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2016 EMPG Program?**

The total amount of funds to be distributed under the FY 2016 EMPG Program will be \$350,100,000. This total funding amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund that 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).

### **3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2016 EMPG Program funds?**

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 2016 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the state's emergency management agency is 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.

### **4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2016 EMPG Program?**

The key milestones associated with FY 2016 EMPG Program are:

- February 16, 2016: Release date for FY 2016 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity
- March 18, 2016: Applications due to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA by the SAA or the state emergency management agency

**5. How will the FY 2016 EMPG Program funds be allocated?**

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) awards are based on Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended, (6 U.S.C. § 762). The allocation methodology for FY 2016 EMPG Program mandates that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG Program funds will be distributed on a population-share basis. Pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association authorized by Public Law 108-188, funds are available from the Disaster Relief Fund for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**6. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2015 and FY 2016?**

The FY 2016 funding level for the EMPG Program is unchanged from FY 2015.

**7. Where is the FY 2016 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity located?**

The FY 2016 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**8. How will the FY 2016 EMPG Program applications be submitted?**

Applying for an award under the EMPG Program is a multi-step process. Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). Applicants in need of technical support with the ND Grants System, please contact [ndgrants@fema.gov](mailto:ndgrants@fema.gov) or (800) 865-4076. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, March 18, 2016.

If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

**9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at [ASKCsid@fema.gov](mailto:ASKCsid@fema.gov) , 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

- The FEMA Regions also provide technical assistance to EMPG Program primary awardees. A list of contacts in the FEMA Regions is available at [https://www.fema.gov/pdf/floodplain/nfip\\_sg\\_appendix\\_a.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/pdf/floodplain/nfip_sg_appendix_a.pdf)

**10. What is the FY 2016 EMPG Program period of performance?**

The period of performance is twenty-four (24) months.