



Homeland Security

FY 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D* (Public Law 112-74), the Fiscal year (FY) 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program provides resources 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* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

In FY 2012, DHS will award \$339,500,000 for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from all 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. The FY 2012 EMPG Program plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the *National Preparedness Goal* (NPG).

Funding

In FY 2012, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$339,500,000. The FY 2012 EMPG Program funds will be allocated based on the Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended, 6 U.S.C. 762. 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 the EMPG Program funds is 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 for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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 the FY 2012 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for the 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 2012 EMPG Program will focus on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, and construction and renovation in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

Key FY 2012 EMPG Program Changes

- In order to ensure standardization across all grant programs and cooperative agreements issued by DHS, EMPG Program's Guidance was reformatted for consistency and renamed to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
 - Priorities for the EMPG Program support the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive - 8 (PPD-8) and the NPG. FY 2012 EMPG Program has been aligned to the five mission areas and supporting core capabilities within the NPG
 - Removes the Semi-Annual Assistance Progress Report (SAPR) reporting requirement in lieu of the Standard Form-Performance Progress Report (SF-PPR) to report on progress towards implementing program-specific performance measures
 - Expands the scope of maintenance and sustainment by allowing the support of equipment that has previously been purchased with both federal and other sources of funding as long as direct linkage can be provided to one of the core capabilities within the NPG
 - Requires EMPG Program recipients to belong to or be located in an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) membership states in support of the NPG. This requirement excludes American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
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Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

All Work Plans will require final approval by the corresponding FEMA Region. Grantees will be notified by their FEMA Regional Program Analyst should any component of the EMPG Program application require corrective action.

FEMA Grants Program Directorate (GPD) will process the FY 2012 EMPG Program awards, upon coordination and consultation with the FEMA Region. Assuming full financial and programmatic approval of the FY 2012 EMPG Program Work Plan, GPD will release 100 percent (100%) of the Grantee's FY 2012 EMPG Program award amount in accordance with 44 CFR Part §13.21. Conditionally approved Work Plans will result in GPD releasing 50 percent (50%) of the award amount. Grantees who have not submitted their Work Plan as part of their application will not be issued an award until such Work Plan is received, reviewed, and approved by the FEMA Region.