



FEMA

Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2012 EMPG Program?

The 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, as amended* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). 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 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). 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 2012 EMPG Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2012 EMPG Program will be \$339,500,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for the FY 2012 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 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.

4. How will the FY 2012 EMPG Program funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for the FY 2012 EMPG Program dictates 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, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of the 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 for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

5. What are the key changes for FY 2012 EMPG?

- 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 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 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

6. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2012 EMPG Program?

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Division D* (Public Law 112-74) provides funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2012 EMPG FOA located?

The FY 2012 EMPG FOA is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. 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 askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST, 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.

9. What is the FY 2012 EMPG Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.