



# Homeland Security

## FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015*, (Public Law 114-4); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (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 (Stafford Act)* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

*In Fiscal Year 2015, 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.*

The EMPG Program plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. The program supports the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness 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 EMPG Program's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas.

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. Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility between the Federal government and state, local, tribal and territorial governments across the nation.. Through the EMPG Program, the federal government provides coordination, guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive emergency preparedness system to address all hazards.

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### Funding

In FY 2015, the EMPG Program provides \$350,100,000 to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Stafford Act*. 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*.

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, Commonwealth of the 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 based on population.

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## **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 2015 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency or the state's emergency management agency are eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of state, local and tribal emergency management agencies, however, only one application will be accepted from each state or territory.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

The FY 2015 EMPG Program will focus on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, construction, and renovation to enhance and sustain the all-hazards core capabilities of state, local, tribal and territorial governments. The period of performance for the EMPG Program is 24 months from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016.

A cost match is required under this program. The federal share 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 insular areas, including American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Additionally, up to five percent of the funding awarded can be used for management and administration purposes associated with the grant award. If the State Administrative Agency is not the state's emergency management agency, the SAA is not eligible to retain funds for management and administration costs.

For more information about funding guidelines, please see the FY 2015 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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## **Key FY 2015 EMPG Changes**

The Department of Homeland Security adopted 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Now that DHS has adopted 2 C.F.R. Part 200, these new regulations will apply to all new FEMA grant awards that are made on or after December 26, 2014. The new regulations will supersede 44 C.F.R. Part 13, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-21, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-110, A-122, A-133, and sections of A-50 for all FEMA awards made on or after December 26, 2014. This means that recipients of EMPG funding must follow new administrative requirements and Cost Principles codified in 2 CFR 200 instead of the previous regulations in 44 CFR 13.

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## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

FY 2015 EMPG Fact Sheet

Applications must be submitted no later than April 24, 2015. To access the application, first visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and then complete the full application at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

Each FEMA regional office will be responsible for reviewing their respective states' and territories' FY 2015 EMPG application and work plan. The regional offices will assess each state and territory's emergency management sustainment and enhancement efforts, as well as the linkage to the core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal.

Additional guidance and application kits are available at [www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants) as well as the Notice of Funding Opportunity.