



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 IECGP?

The purpose of the FY 2010 IECGP is to improve interoperable emergency communications, including communications in response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 IECGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 IECGP will be \$48 million.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 IECGP funds?

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2010 IECGP funds and is responsible for obligating the funds to the appropriate local units of government or other designated recipients.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 IECGP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2010 IECGP are:

- December 8, 2009: Release date for FY 2010 IECGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2010 IECGP funds be allocated?

FY 2010 IECGP funds will be allocated based upon a terrorism and natural hazards risk methodology. Each state will also receive a minimum allocation under IECGP using the thresholds established in the 9/11 Act.

Funding is prioritized for activities that advance governance, planning, training and exercise capabilities in support of interoperability. If a SAA and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) / SCIP point of contact certify that the state or territory has fulfilled the governance, planning, training and exercise objectives, the program provides the flexibility to purchase interoperable communications equipment with any remaining IECGP funds.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 IECGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 IECGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 IECGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2010 IECGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. 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 askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST,
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2010 IECGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.