



Homeland Security

FY 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program

Overview

As appropriated by Section 507 of the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010* (Public Law 111-83), as extended by the *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10), the FY 2011 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 2011, DHS allocated \$329,040,400 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.

Funding

In FY 2011, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program was \$329,040,400. The FY 2011 EMPG Program funds were 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 received 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) received a base amount of 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG Program funds was 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 were available for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, although they declined to apply.

Eligibility

All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia were eligible to apply for FY 2011 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) was eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies; however, only one application was accepted from each state or territory.

Allowable Costs

FY 2011 EMPG Program focuses on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, and construction and renovation in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. See published FY 2011 EMPG Program Grant Guidance and Application Kit as well as Information Bulletins for more detailed information. The period of performance for the EMPG Program is 24 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

All Work Plans required final approval by the corresponding FEMA Region. Grantees were notified by their FEMA Regional Program Analyst if any component of the EMPG Program application required corrective action.

FEMA Grants Program Directorate (GPD) processed the FY 2011 EMPG Program awards, upon coordination and consultation with the FEMA Region. Following full financial and programmatic approval of the FY 2011 EMPG Program Work Plan, GPD released 100 percent (100%) of the Grantee's FY 2011 EMPG Program award amount in accordance with 44 CFR Part §13.21. Conditionally approved Work Plans resulted in GPD releasing 50 percent (50%) of the award amount. Grantees who did not submit their Work Plan as part of their application were not issued an award until such Work Plan was received, reviewed, and approved by the FEMA Region.