



FY 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program

Overview

As appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-83), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program provided funding to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. While the EMPG Program is inherently a grant funding opportunity to assist stakeholders in improving emergency performance capabilities, it is also a robust and transparent program which involves both day-to-day and long-term strategic relationships.

The FY 2010 EMPG Program assists state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. States have the opportunity to use EMPG Program funds to further strengthen their ability to support emergency management mission areas while simultaneously addressing issues of national concern as identified in the National Priorities of the National Preparedness Guidelines.

In FY 2010, DHS awarded \$329 million to develop intra- and inter-state emergency management systems that encourage partnerships across all levels of government and with non-governmental organizations.

Funding

In FY 2010, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program was \$329,799,991 million. The FY 2010 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.

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 2010 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) were eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies, however only one application accepted from each state or territory.

Allowable Costs

The FY 2010 EMPG Program focused on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, and construction and renovation in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. See published FEMA EMPG Program Grant Guidance and Information Bulletins for more detailed information. The period of performance for EMPG is 24 months from the date of award.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications underwent a complete content review within their respective Regions. Each FEMA Region was responsible for reviewing the FY 2010 EMPG Program Work Plan, including the Program and Budget Narrative and Grant Activities Outline, for their respective states/territories in order to assess their emergency management sustainment and enhancement efforts.

All Work Plans required final approval by the corresponding FEMA Regional Program Analyst. Grantees were notified by their FEMA regional office should any component of the EMPG Program application require corrective action. The full award was released upon the regional office's approval of the state's final Work Plan.

The following process was used to provide final approval to MVAs and DMVs:

- FEMA Regions verified compliance with all administrative and programmatic criteria identified in the application kit.
- FEMA Regions evaluated the applicant's emergency management sustainment and enhancement efforts, to include new and ongoing projects.
- FEMA Regions provided grant recipients with official notification of the grant award upon approval of the Work Plan, Program and Budget Narrative, and Grant Activities Outline.

NOTE: Should an application be conditionally approved, it was the grantee's responsibility to work directly with their respective FEMA Regional contact to ensure corrective action is taken in order for full release of FY 2010 EMPG Program funds.