

# Fiscal Year 2021 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants

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## Overview

The Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP)/Continuing Training Grants (CTG) provides funding via cooperative agreements to partners to develop and deliver training to prepare communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recovery from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made, and technological hazards.

As appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-260), the CTG plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the [National Preparedness Goal](#) of a secure and resilient nation.

## FY 2021 Focus Areas

For FY 2021, the total amount of HSNTP funds available for CTG is \$6,000,000 in three Focus Areas:

**\$77.8 Million**

The amount of CTG competitive funding made available to applicants since 2012 for training programs to better prepare emergency responders throughout the nation.

**\$6 Million**

The amount of CTG funding available to applicants for 2021.



- Public Health Emergencies; Pandemic Preparedness and Response;
- Mass Care—Community Sheltering and Relocation Assistance; and
- Equity in Tribal and Rural Preparedness.

## **Eligibility**

The FY 2021 HSNTF/CTG program is an open and competitive funding opportunity, available to entities with existing programs or demonstrable expertise relevant to the focus areas in the announcement. Applicants may include state, local, tribal, and territorial entities; nonprofit national associations and organizations; non-profit higher education institutions; and nonprofits including community and faith-based organizations. Guidance regarding eligibility can be found in the HSNTF/CTG Notice of Funding Opportunity posted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

## **Funding Guidelines**

Recipients may use grant funds only for the purposes set forth in the announcement and must comply with the statutory authority for the award. Recipients may not use funding awarded under the HSNTF/CTG program as matching funds for other federal grants/cooperative agreements, for lobbying, or for intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, recipients may not use federal funds to sue the federal government or any other government entity.

Federal employees are prohibited from serving in any capacity (paid or unpaid) on any proposal submitted under this program. Federal employees may not receive funds under this award.

## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

Applicants are restricted to one application per focus area but may apply for more than one focus area in separate applications. Applications are evaluated in the following three areas.

### **Eligibility Check**

FEMA will evaluate applications based on the eligibility criteria. All applicants who do not



meet eligibility requirements will be removed from consideration.

## **Subject Matter Expert Review and Scoring**

Subject matter experts comprised from various stakeholder groups will score applications according to the guidance contained in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

## **FEMA Review**

FEMA will conduct an evaluation of all applications and will use the results of the subject matter expert review to inform its review.

## **HSNTP/CTG Resources**

FEMA has a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions that can assist with HSNTP/CTG:

- The FY 2021 HSNTP/CTG NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> and [grants.gov](http://grants.gov). Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 97.005.
- Applicants may contact FEMA's National Training and Education Division for additional program-specific information:
  - Jessica Sterling at (202) 549-4768 or [jessica.sterling@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:jessica.sterling@fema.dhs.gov).
  - Terry Pruitt at (202) 786-9565 or [terry.pruitt@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:terry.pruitt@fema.dhs.gov).
- Applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail at [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov) for financial questions, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance.

