

FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Key Changes

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is providing \$355.1 million in funding to assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in developing their emergency management capabilities and for all-hazards preparedness activities. Highlighted below are key changes made to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

National Priorities

The national priorities for the FY 2023 EMPG Program continue to be:

- Equity;
- Climate Resilience; and
- Readiness.

These priorities correspond directly to goals outlined in the [2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#). The national priorities are explained in further detail in the FY 2023 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). To the extent possible, equity considerations **must** be factored into all FY 2023 EMPG Program-funded investments across all national priority areas. Additionally, applicants are required to designate **at least one project** in their FY 2023 EMPG Program Work Plan and budget narrative that specifically addresses equity considerations.

National Qualification System



FY 2023 EMPG Program recipients are required to use EMPG Program funds to support National Qualification System (NQS) implementation efforts. As a post-award requirement, all recipients in the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, must work toward achieving the Phase 1 NQS implementation objectives and must, at a minimum, execute the Implementation Plan they developed last year as part of the Phase 0 NQS Implementation Objectives. All other jurisdictions, including territories and FY 2023 EMPG Program subrecipients, are required to work toward implementation of NQS by developing an Implementation Plan.

Please see the FY 2023 [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on the NQS implementation requirements.

