



Week of July 28, 2014
Important Dates and Deadlines:

[2014-2018 FEMA Strategic Plan Stakeholder Webinar](#)
(July 31, 2014)

[Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#)
(August 31, 2014)

DHS Announces Grant Allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Preparedness Grants

On July 25, DHS announced final allocations for seven FY 2014 DHS preparedness grant programs, including the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP). These allocations total more than \$1.6 billion to assist states, urban areas, tribal and territorial governments, non-profit agencies, and the private sector.

The FY 2014 preparedness grant allocations demonstrate the Department's ongoing commitment to securing our borders and ports of entry, and continue to focus on the nation's highest risk areas, including urban areas that face the most significant threats. More information is available at www.fema.gov/grants.

Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) provides more than **\$1 billion** for states and urban areas to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and other threats.

- **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)** provides more than **\$401 million** to support the implementation of the National Preparedness System to build and strengthen preparedness capabilities at all levels.
- **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)** provides **\$587 million** to enhance regional preparedness capabilities in 39 high-threat, high-density areas.
- **Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)** provides **\$55 million** to enhance cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies to jointly enhance security along the United States land and water borders where there are ongoing U.S. Customs and Border Protection missions.

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program—provides over **\$350 million** to assist local, tribal, territorial, and state governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities.

Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) provides **\$10 million** to eligible tribal nations to implement preparedness initiatives that strengthen the nation against risk associated with potential terrorist attacks and other hazards.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides **\$13 million** to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements for nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack and located within one of the 39 FY 2014 UASI-eligible urban areas.

Intercity Passenger Rail - Amtrak (IPR) Program provides **\$10 million** to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of the Amtrak rail system.

Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) provides **\$100 million** to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or re-establish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides more than **\$90 million** to owners and operators of transit systems to protect critical surface transportation and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and to increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.

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2014-2018 FEMA Strategic Plan Stakeholder Webinar

There will be a [stakeholder webinar](#) about the 2014-2018 FEMA Strategic Plan held on **Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Participants are invited to join and sign into the webinar as "guest." [Closed captioning is available.](#) Prior to the webinar, participants can [test their Adobe Connect connection.](#)

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REMINDER: FEMA Extends Tribal Consultation Period for First Draft of Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance

In January 2013, the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) provided federally recognized Indian tribal governments (tribal governments) the option to request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration independently of a state. To implement this historic provision, FEMA initiated tribal consultation on the first draft of the Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance in April 2014 and traveled around the country to meet face-to-face with tribal leaders or their designees to discuss the proposed guidance and ways to improve the draft.

In the course of these meetings, a number of tribal leaders asked for additional time to review the draft and provide their input. In response to this request, FEMA is extending the tribal consultation period for the first draft of the Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance. **Tribal governments may now submit comments through August 31, 2014.** Comments on the working draft of the [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) can be sent to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov.

More information about this consultation, including upcoming dates, is available at www.fema.gov/tribal. Questions can be directed to FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA 101: Community Rating System

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a component of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). CRS encourages communities to protect themselves against flooding by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards. While there are 1,296 communities enrolled in the CRS program, they only represent five percent of the 22,000 communities participating in NFIP. However, more than 67 percent of all flood insurance policies are written in CRS communities.

CRS uses a class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS classes are rated from 9 to 1. Most communities enter CRS at a 9 or 8 rating, which entitles residents living in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) to a discount on their flood insurance premiums. As a community engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. By discounting insurance premiums, CRS rewards communities that meet three goals: reduce flood damage to insurable property; strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Communities enrolled in CRS also benefit from learning about the risk of flooding and how they can take action to protect their property. By enrolling in CRS, a community will protect public safety, critical infrastructure and protect itself from economic disruption. For more information visit www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-2/community-rating-system.

FEMA Meets with Seminole Tribe of Florida

On July 16, Administrator Craig Fugate, National Tribal Affairs Advisor Milo Booth, Advisor to the Administrator Michael George and Military Aide and Advisor to the Administrator Lt. Colonel Stephen Stroud, met with the Seminole

Tribe of Florida Chairman and Vice President James Billie. Administrator Fugate and Chairman Billie discussed ongoing tribal initiatives including Region IV's recent listening session held for the tribe on FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy and the Tribal Declaration Pilot Guidance. Chairman Billie expressed his approval of the Region's work in engaging tribes.

Also in attendance for the Seminole Tribe of Florida were Police Chief William Latchford; Emergency Management Director, Captain Hector Pesquera; and Emergency Manager David Dees.



Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman and Vice President James Billie and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

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