



# Homeland Security

## Fiscal Year 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015*, (Pub. L. No. 114-4) and authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act)*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 93-288) (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program provides resources to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards.

*In Fiscal Year 2015, DHS awarded \$350,100,000 to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards.*

The EMPG Program plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System. The program supports the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. The EMPG Program's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas.

Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (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. Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility between the Federal government and state, local, tribal and territorial governments across the nation. Through the EMPG Program, the Federal government provides coordination, guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive emergency preparedness system to address all hazards.

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### Funding

In FY 2015, the EMPG Program provides \$350,100,000 to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards. This total funding amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund, which DHS/FEMA must make available to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the *Compact of Free Association Act*.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive a base amount of 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a base amount of 0.25

percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG Program funds is distributed based on population.

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## **Eligibility**

All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply for FY 2015 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the state's emergency management agency are eligible to apply directly to DHS/FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of state, local and tribal emergency management agencies, however, only one application is accepted from each state or territory.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

The FY 2015 EMPG Program will focus on planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, construction, and renovation to enhance and sustain the all-hazards core capabilities of state, local, tribal and territorial governments. The period of performance for the EMPG Program is 24 months; from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2016.

A cost match is required under this program. The federal share shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total budget. The state must equally match (cash or in-kind) the Federal contribution pursuant to Sections 611(j) and 613 of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (Pub. L. No. 93-288), as amended, (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207). Unless otherwise authorized by law, federal funds cannot be matched with other federal funds. In accordance with 48 U.S.C. § 1469a, match requirements are waived for insular areas, including American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Additionally, up to five percent (5%) of the funding awarded can be used for management and administration (M&A) purposes associated with the grant award. If the SAA is not the state's emergency management agency, the SAA is not eligible to retain funds for M&A costs.

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## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

FY 2015 EMPG applications underwent a complete content review within their respective DHS/FEMA Region. Each DHS/FEMA Region was responsible for reviewing the FY 2015 EMPG Program Workplan for their respective states/territories in order to assess their emergency management sustainment and enhancement efforts as well as providing support to the core capabilities identified in the Goal.

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## **EMPG Resources**

There are a variety of resources available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions, which can assist with EMPG.

- The FY 2015 EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [AskCSID@dhs.gov](mailto:AskCSID@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

## FY 2015 EMPG Program Allocations

State/Territory	Allocation	State/Territory	Allocation
Alabama	\$5,780,028	New Hampshire	\$3,488,231
Alaska	\$3,104,321	New Jersey	\$8,440,219
Arizona	\$7,004,535	New Mexico	\$3,981,883
Arkansas	\$4,554,934	New York	\$15,471,989
California	\$27,870,091	North Carolina	\$9,094,590
Colorado	\$6,109,552	North Dakota	\$3,106,110
Connecticut	\$4,965,015	Ohio	\$10,168,217
Delaware	\$3,233,715	Oklahoma	\$5,148,078
District of Columbia	\$3,053,679	Oregon	\$5,208,056
Florida	\$15,567,673	Pennsylvania	\$10,944,419
Georgia	\$9,194,379	Rhode Island	\$3,311,501
Hawaii	\$3,548,573	South Carolina	\$5,769,036
Idaho	\$3,688,390	South Dakota	\$3,180,080
Illinois	\$11,005,166	Tennessee	\$6,886,039
Indiana	\$6,916,945	Texas	\$20,163,325
Iowa	\$4,646,511	Utah	\$4,539,666
Kansas	\$4,514,370	Vermont	\$3,032,644
Kentucky	\$5,496,416	Virginia	\$8,042,123
Louisiana	\$5,650,101	Washington	\$7,219,265
Maine	\$3,490,362	West Virginia	\$3,828,831
Maryland	\$6,513,279	Wisconsin	\$6,370,898
Massachusetts	\$7,013,594	Wyoming	\$3,005,053
Michigan	\$9,072,413	Puerto Rico	\$4,933,604
Minnesota	\$6,175,463	U.S. Virgin Islands	\$942,773
Mississippi	\$4,572,962	American Samoa	\$910,469
Missouri	\$6,570,000	Guam	\$979,748
Montana	\$3,290,945	Northern Mariana Islands	\$908,495
Nebraska	\$3,849,115	Republic of the Marshall Islands	\$50,000
Nevada	\$4,472,131	Federated States of Micronesia	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$350,100,000</b>