



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 EMPG?

The purpose of the FY 2010 EMPG is to assist State and local governments in enhancing and sustaining all-hazards emergency management capabilities. States have the opportunity to use EMPG 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.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 EMPG?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 EMPG will be \$329,799,991.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 EMPG funds?

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

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 EMPG?

The key milestones associated with FY 2010 EMPG are:

- December 8, 2009: Release date for FY 2010 EMPG Grant Guidance and Application Kit
- January 22, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2010 EMPG funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for FY 2010 EMPG dictates that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG funds will be distributed on a population-share basis. Pursuant to the Compact of Free Association, funds will also be available for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 EMPG?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 EMPG Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 EMPG Grant Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2010 EMPG applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, January 22, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST,
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2010 EMPG period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.