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Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The purpose of RCPGP is to enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in the pre-designated eleven (11) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Urban Areas within the ten (10) RCPGP sites that received funding under RCPGP in the FY 2009 grant cycle. RCPGP is intended to support coordination of regional all-hazard planning for catastrophic events, including the development of integrated planning communities, plans, protocols and procedures to manage a catastrophic event. The focus of RCPGP expanded in FY 2010 to focus on additional elements of the preparedness cycle by addressing the need to train, exercise and evaluate and improve their plans to meet the needs of their region. The deliverables from RCPGP will be made available throughout the country to enhance national resilience.

2. How much funding was available under the FY 2010 RCPGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 RCPGP is \$33,600,000. The maximum award amount for each of the eight (8) pre-designated Tier I Urban Areas that participated in previous RCPGP grant cycles is \$3,570,000. The maximum award amount for each of the three (3) pre-designated Tier II Urban Areas that participated in previous RCPGP grant cycles is \$1,680,000.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 RCPGP?

The FY 2010 RCPGP sites are encouraged to develop projects to achieve and maintain a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, exercising and evaluating and improving their regional catastrophic plans. Based on progress to date in planning, the priorities for FY 2010 are:

- **Organize and Staff** - Develop plans to organize and staff catastrophic plans to ensure adequate support to review, develop, implement and revise plans as needed.
- **Train** - Develop and implement plans to effectively train newly developed regional catastrophic plans with communities, states, nonprofit organizations and the private sector, as well as other regional partners.
- **Exercise** - Develop and implement plans to exercise regional catastrophic plans to test capabilities and interdependencies between jurisdictions based on regional threats.

- **Evaluate and Improve** - Assess ability of plans to address regional catastrophic needs, evaluate findings and develop corrective action plans to improve plans based on lessons learned.

4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2010 RCPGP funds?

Eligible applicants for FY 2010 RCPGP included the pre-designated eleven (11) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Urban Areas within the ten (10) RCPGP sites that received funding under RCPGP in the FY 2009 grant cycle. A detailed table of eligible applicants is included below.

Tier I RCPGP Site	Associated Urban Area
Bay Area (to include 11 counties and 23 principal cities spanning central western CA)	Bay Area
Boston Area (to include 17 counties and 17 principal cities spanning most of eastern MA, southern NH and all of RI)	Boston Area
Chicago Area (to include 16 counties and 15 principal cities spanning northeastern IL, northwestern IN and southeastern WI)	Chicago Area
Houston Area (to include 13 counties and 6 principal cities in eastern TX, as defined for the FY 2008 grant cycle)	Houston Area
Los Angeles / Long Beach Area (to include 5 counties and 38 principal cities spanning southwestern CA)	Los Angeles/ Long Beach Area
National Capital Region (to include 26 counties and 16 principal cities spanning Washington, D.C., northern VA, central and southern MD, eastern WV and representatives from DE and PA)	National Capital Region Area
New York City / Northern New Jersey Area (to include 30 counties and 21 principal cities that span eastern CT, northern NJ, southeastern NY and northeastern PA) ¹	New York City Area
	Jersey City/ Newark Area
Tier II RCPGP Site	Associated Urban Area
Honolulu Area (to include the four counties of HI, including the principal city of Honolulu)	Honolulu Area
Norfolk Area (to include 15 counties and 9 principal cities, as defined for the FY 2008 grant cycle, spanning central eastern and southeastern VA as well as northeastern NC)	Norfolk Area
Seattle Area (to include 7 counties and 11 principal cities spanning central WA)	Seattle Area

5. How were the FY 2010 RCPGP funds determined?

FY 2010 RCPGP funds were allocated to each of the pre-designated eleven (11) Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Urban Areas within the ten (10) RCPGP sites that received funding under RCPGP in the FY 2009 grant cycle provided their application met the minimum standards specified for FY 2010.

¹ The New York City Urban Area and Jersey City/Newark Urban Area are expected to work together as the New York/Northern New Jersey Area RCPGP site to carry out the program goals and objectives.

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

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

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

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

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

- For general 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, Monday through Friday.
- For program-specific information, please contact RCPGP@dhs.gov.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

9. What is the FY 2010 RCPGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.