



## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program?**

The purpose of the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program is to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure and interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified needs.

### **2. How much funding was available under the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program?**

The total amount of funding allocated for the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program under the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009* (Public Law 110-329) is \$33,002,500. Of that amount, \$21,645,000 is appropriated to designated state and local EOC projects throughout the nation. Pursuant to Section D of the Joint Explanatory Statement, which accompanied (P.L. 110-329), Northumberland County, Pennsylvania was slated to receive \$1,000,000 in non-competitive FY 2009 EOC grant funding. However, Northumberland County chose not to apply for this funding, and subsequently, will not receive any funding under the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program. Thus, the Department is allocating a total of \$20,645,000 for designated EOC project recipients. The Department intends to request that Congress reprogram the \$1,000,000 that would have gone to Northumberland County. The remaining \$12,357,500 is awarded competitively to eligible state, local and tribal governments' principal EOCs.

### **3. What is the priority for the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program?**

The priority is to ensure that funding recipients are able to adequately construct or renovate their principal EOC in order to ensure effective emergency management, continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.

### **4. Who was eligible to apply for FY 2009 EOC Grant Program funds?**

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) was the only eligible entity able to apply for the available funding on behalf of eligible state, local and tribal government's principal EOCs.

### **5. How were the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program awards determined?**

FEMA recognizes that each state, local and tribal jurisdiction has unique emergency management needs. Through a two-phase state and national review, FY 2009 EOC Grant

Program awards were determined based on how well each applicant addressed the following criteria: state-identified priorities, quality of justification and pre-existing planning.

**6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program?**

The *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2009* (Public Law 110-329) provided funding for this program.

**7. Where is the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit located?**

The FY 2009 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**8. 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](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**9. What is the FY 2009 EOC Grant Program period of performance?**

The period of performance of this grant program is 36 months. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justification why an extension is required.