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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness
Grant Program (RCPGP) Award Announcement

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is announcing the final awards and allocations under the FY 2020 RCPGP. The total amount of funds allocated for the FY 2020 RCPGP is \$10 million.

The FY 2020 RCPGP, as appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2020* (Pub. L. No. 116-93), provides funding to close known capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional preparedness efforts. FEMA added regional pandemic preparedness as a program objective this year, with a specific focus on addressing the [Community Lifelines](#) and [Core Capabilities](#) that are essential to pandemic preparedness. In addition, recognizing the value of all-hazards emergency preparedness planning and consistent with the objectives of the prior FY 2019 RCPGP, applicants were also permitted to consider projects that improve capability levels in the Food, Water, and Sheltering Community Lifeline as measured in the Housing or Logistics and Supply Chain Management core capabilities.

Through regional collaboration, the RCPGP supports the development and delivery of projects that address Community Lifelines, which are critical to managing catastrophic incidents. Stabilizing and restoring lifelines in catastrophes requires solutions that go beyond scaling up existing plans and capabilities to maximize the creative power of cross-sector coordination while respecting the roles of private sector partners and agency authorities at all levels of government. To this end, RCPGP applicants were encouraged to develop projects that build a continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, and exercising with regional partners across the whole community to improve their collective readiness posture.

Eligible RCPGP applicants were limited to local governments (as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.64) located within one of the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), per the Census Bureau’s 2019 Population Estimates. In addition, states or territories (as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.90) were eligible to apply with advance support from one or more of the 100 most-populous MSAs located within the state or territory. FEMA received a total of 24 applications that were deemed eligible for competitive review. The selected FY 2020 RCPGP recipients and award amounts are provided in the table below.

Grant Recipient	Award Amount
City of Baltimore (Maryland)	\$ 843,988
City of Houston (Texas)	\$ 735,594
City of New York (New York)	\$ 929,414
City of Philadelphia (Pennsylvania)	\$ 929,414
City of San Antonio (Texas)	\$ 697,060
City of San Francisco (California)	\$ 929,414
City of Virginia Beach (Virginia)	\$ 836,403
East-West Gateway Council of Governments (St. Louis, Missouri)	\$ 929,414
King County (Washington)	\$ 929,413
State of New Jersey	\$ 381,060
State of New York	\$ 929,414
State of Oklahoma	\$ 929,414
Total	\$10,000,000

Additional details on the FY 2020 RCPGP are located at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/regional-catastrophic>. For more information you may also contact: FEMA-RCPGP@fema.dhs.gov.