Homeland Security

Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG-S) COVID-19 Supplemental

Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG-S) Program - Supplemental assists states, territories, tribes and local governments with their public health and emergency management activities supporting the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19 public health emergency. Through this grant program, FEMA will award funding to support planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 preparedness and response; development of tools and strategies for prevention, preparedness, and response; and ongoing communication and coordination among federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial partners throughout the response.

> *DHS is providing $100 million in supplemental FY 2020 funding to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with their emergency management activities in support of the COVID-19 public health emergency*

Funding

The EMPG-S program is authorized by *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, Div. B (Pub. L. No. 116-136) and the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, Pub. L. No. 93-288 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.*). Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes 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 from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions.

The $100 million in funding awarded under the EMPG-S program is separate and distinct from any funding that will be awarded under the FY 2020 EMPG Program NOFO published on February 14, 2020. EMPG-S funds are allocated on a formula basis pursuant to section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended (PKEMRA) (6 U.S.C. § 762). The funding source for this grant is the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, Div. B (Pub. L. No. 116-136).

Eligibility

All 56 states and territories are eligible to apply for FY 2020 EMPG program 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 each state or territory. However, only one application is accepted from each state or territory.

Funding Guidelines

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico each receive a base amount of 0.75 percent of the total available funding appropriated for the EMPG-S program. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) each receive a base amount of 0.25 percent of the total available funding appropriated for the EMPG-S program. The remaining balance of the funds appropriated for the EMPG-S are distributed on a population-share basis.

Application Process

FEMA is employing a streamlined application process for EMPG-S to expedite the issuance of awards and make the funds available to recipients as quickly as possible. Unlike the standard EMPG program, FY 2020 EMPG-S applications do not require submission of a completed Work Plan at the time of application. Instead, the required EMPG-S Work Plan will be due by July 30, 2020 in conjunction with submission of the first Performance Progress Report. Given this streamlined application process, the application period for EMPG-S is only 15-days.

Applying for an award under the EMGP-S is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants should submit their initial application **at least one day prior** to the April 28, 2020 (at 5 p.m. EDT) application deadline through the Grants.gov portal at http://www.grants.gov. Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726.

Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the Non-Disaster (ND) Grants System by the application deadline. Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System should contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EDT.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. EDT on April 28, 2020.

EMPG-S Resources

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

- The FY 2020 EMGP-S Notice of Funding Opportunity is located online at http://www.fema.gov/grants as well as on http://www.grants.gov.

- FEMA Regional offices manage, administer, and close out awards, as well as conduct cash analysis, financial and programmatic monitoring, and audit resolution for the EMPG-S program. This includes review and approval of Work Plans. The Regions also provide technical assistance to EMPG-S awardees. FEMA Regional Office contact information is available at https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts.

- The FEMA Program Office conducts the initial application budget review, creates the award package and approves the awards. Additionally, the Program Office provides support in addressing specific programmatic questions regarding the FY 2020 EMPG-S Program. The Program Office can be reached by e-mail at: FEMA-EMPG-S@fema.dhs.gov.

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or by e-mail at AskCSID@fema.dhs.gov, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.