



FEMA

**FISCAL YEAR 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG)
PROGRAM
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – KEY CHANGES**

Exercise Requirements

In FY 2018, there will be no minimum exercise requirement for recipients. FEMA regional administrators and state emergency management directors will negotiate an exercise program that addresses capability gaps in the priority areas of logistics, housing, and catastrophic planning. These exercises will be included in the EMPG work plan submitted for FEMA regional approval and the state's Training and Exercise Plan.

Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) Reporting

EMPG recipients will report through the new THIRA/SPR methodology that will be implemented in 2018, with a revised THIRA methodology for response, recovery, and cross-cutting core capabilities by December 31, 2018. Jurisdictions will need to complete the entire methodology for all 32 core capabilities by December 2019. Beginning in 2019, recipients will submit a THIRA only every three years. An annual capability assessment will still be required.