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Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2020 EMPG Program?

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program is one of the grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on all-hazards emergency preparedness. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS. Among the five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, EMPG supports the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

2. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2020 EMPG?

Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006* (PKMRA), as amended, (Pub. L. No 109-295) (6 U.S.C. § 762); Title VI of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 93-288) (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 *et seq.*) the *Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 95-124) (42 U.S.C. §§ 7701 *et seq.*); and the *National Flood Insurance Act of 1968*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 90-448) (42 U.S.C. §§ 4001 *et seq.*).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2020 EMPG Program?

The total amount of funds to be distributed under the FY 2020 EMPG Program will be \$355,100,000. This amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must make available to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to Article X of the *Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association Act* (Pub. L. No. 108-188).

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2019 and FY 2020?

The FY 2020 funding level for the EMPG Program is \$5 million more than FY 2019.

5. Where is the FY 2020 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity located?

The FY 2020 EMPG Program NOFO is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2020 EMPG Program funds?

All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia (collectively “state or territory”), 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 Program funds on behalf of each state or territory. However, only one application will be accepted from each state or territory.

7. How will the FY 2020 EMPG Program applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the EMPG Program is a multi-step process:

Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than seven days before the final application deadline. 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](#). Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System, please contact ndgrants@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. ET on April 15, 2020.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2020 EMPG Program?

- February 14, 2020: Release date for the FY 2020 EMPG NOFO.
- April 15, 2020, 5p.m. ET: Applications for the FY 2020 EMPG due to FEMA.

9. How will FY 2020 EMPG Program funds be allocated?

EMPG awards are based on Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended, (6 U.S.C. § 762). 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 Program. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) receive a base amount of 0.25 percent of the total available funding appropriated for the EMPG Program. The remaining balance of the funds appropriated for the EMPG funds are distributed on a population-share basis. Pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the *Compact of Free Association Act* (Pub. L. No. 108-188), a set amount of funds (\$100,000 total) are also available from the Disaster Relief Fund for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

10. What is the FY 2020 EMPG Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.

11. 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, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or by e-mail at ASKCsid@fema.dhs.gov
- 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.
- The FEMA Regions also provide technical assistance to EMPG Program primary recipients. A list of contacts in the FEMA Regions is available at <https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts>.