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Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program?

The purpose of the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program is to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program will be \$14,101,740.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2011 EOC Grant Program funds?

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2011 EOC Grant Program funds on behalf of qualified State, local and Tribal EOCs.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program?

The key milestones associated with the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program are:

- **May 19, 2011:** Release date for the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit
- **June 13, 2011:** Deadline for subgrantees to submit applications to the SAA
- **June 20, 2011:** Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program funds be allocated?

The allocation methodology for the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program recognizes that each state, local, and tribal jurisdiction has unique emergency management needs. Through a two-phase state and national review, FY 2011 EOC Grant Program awards will be determined based on how well each applicant addresses the following criteria: State-identified priorities, quality of justification and pre-existing planning.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program?

The *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM EST, June 20, 2011**. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. When applicants apply through <http://www.grants.gov>, the Standard Form 424 in the initial Grants.gov application will need to be submitted. The Standard Form 424 will be retrieved by ND Grants and the system will automatically populate the relevant data fields in the application. Because FEMA will need to conduct an initial review of the application prior to the submission deadline of June 20, 2011, grantees (SAAs) are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov by June 13, 2011. Upon the completion of the initial review, FEMA will determine whether an application should proceed further and the applicant will be notified to complete their submission by fulfilling additional application requirements (e.g., budget, Investment Justification, Work Plan, etc.) by no later than **June 20, 2011**.

The application must be completed and only final submission made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

9. 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. 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, applicants may contact the FEMA Grants Program Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2011 EOC Grant Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.