



Homeland Security

FY 2011 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) and authorized by section 614 of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 5196c) as amended by section 202 of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53), the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program is intended 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. Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the state and local levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.

In Fiscal Year 2011, DHS will award \$14,101,740 to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs.

Funding

In FY 2011, the total amount of funds distributed under this grant program will be \$14,101,740. Primary state, local, or tribal government EOCs may apply for construction or renovation assistance.

Eligibility

The State Administrative Agency (SAA), designated by the Governor of each state and territory, is the only eligible entity able to apply for funding on behalf of each eligible state, local, and tribal government's primary EOC. Primary EOCs of state, local, or tribal governments in the 56 states and territories are the only entities eligible to apply to FEMA for FY 2011 EOC Grant Program funds.

Allowable Costs

FY 2011 EOC Grant Program funds may only be expended for EOC construction or renovation costs and Management and Administration costs to support the project. A maximum of five percent (5%) of funds awarded may be used for Management and Administration purposes associated with the grant award. Additionally, funds may be used for EOC design, construction, and renovation costs including, but not limited to, hardening of the structure and building envelope to resist hazards and the hardening of systems to better resist damage and contamination from natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Funds must be spent in compliance

with rules and regulations noted in this EOC Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit. In addition, planning costs to support the EOC construction or renovation activities are allowable.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

FY 2011 EOC Grant Program applications will be reviewed in two phases to leverage local knowledge and understanding of the applicant's emergency management and preparedness capabilities, while also ensuring coordination and alignment with Federal, State, and local preparedness efforts.

State Review: The SAA, in coordination with the State Emergency Management Agency (EMA), will review all Investment Justifications (IJs) to score and prioritize projects. The SAA has the discretion to include other State, Tribal, or local government representatives to participate in the State review.

SAAs will objectively review, score, and prioritize eligible applicants using a FEMA-provided scoring worksheet and prioritization tracker. Applications are ranked by SAAs in consideration of two factors:

- **Need:** The relative need for the EOC Investment compared to the other applicants
- **Impact:** The potential impact of the EOC Investment in achieving maximum prevention and/or protection results at minimal cost.

National Review: The highest-scoring and highest-priority IJs will be reviewed and scored by a National review panel, to include FEMA regional staff and peer subject matter experts. The panel will use the same scoring worksheet used by the SAA during the State review period. FEMA will use the results of the reviews to make funding recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security.