



Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 EMPG Program?

The EMPG Program provides resources to assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended* (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 federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized in this title so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards.

As part of the FY 2011 EMPG Program, DHS-FEMA identified an overarching priority:

- **Advancing “Whole Community” Security and Emergency Management:** “Whole Community” fosters a national emergency management approach and considers all aspects of a community to effectively prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any terrorist attack or natural disaster.

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

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 EMPG Program will be \$329,140,400.

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

All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply for FY 2011 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 state and local emergency management agencies; however only one application will be accepted from each state or territory.

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

The key milestones associated with the FY 2011 EMPG Program are:

- **May 19, 2011:** Release date for the FY 2011 EMPG Program Guidance and Application Kit
- **June 20, 2011:** Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA or EMA

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

The allocation methodology for the FY 2011 EMPG Program dictates that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will receive 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive 0.25 percent of the total available grant funding. The balance of EMPG Program funds will be distributed on a population-share basis. Pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association authorized by Public Law 108-188, funds are available for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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

Section 507 of the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010* (Public Law 111-83), as extended by 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 EMPG Program Guidance and Application Kit located?

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

8. How will the FY 2011 EMPG 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 are encouraged to initiate and complete the Standard Form 424 submission within Grants.gov by no later than 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 Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

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

The period of performance is 24 months.