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Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 RCPGP?

The purpose of the FY 2011 RCPGP is to enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in selected RCPGP sites. RCPGP is intended to support coordination of regional all-hazard planning for catastrophic events, including the development of integrated planning communities, plans, protocols, and procedures to manage a catastrophic event. In FY 2011, RCPGP will focus on demonstrating the progress made by the 10 RCPGP sites, identifying remaining gaps, and implementing the Whole Community Philosophy, which ensures the engagement of the entire community in the planning process. Grantees will also be encouraged to focus on improving catastrophic plans already under development through the use of a “meta-scenario” that draws from the largest planning factors contained within the hazards previously identified by the site as the basis for their planning efforts. Finally, these funds will be used to complete efforts initiated under previous RCPGP awards. The program deliverables submitted from RCPGP grantees will be made available throughout the country to enhance national resilience.

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

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 RCPGP will be \$14,101,736. The maximum award amount for each of the existing Regional Catastrophic Planning Teams and associated sites will be \$1,281,976.

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

Eligible applicants under the FY 2011 RCPGP include the existing Regional Catastrophic Planning Teams and associated sites. Detailed tables of eligible applicants are included below.

FY 2011 RCPGP Sites	
RCPGP Site	FY 2011 Allocation
Bay Area (to include 11 counties and 23 principal cities spanning central western CA)	\$1,281,976
Boston Area (to include 17 counties and 17 principal cities spanning most of eastern MA, southern NH, and all of RI)	\$1,281,976
Chicago Area (to include 16 counties and 15 principal cities spanning northeastern IL, northwestern IN, and southeastern WI)	\$1,281,976

FY 2011 RCPGP Sites	
RCPGP Site	FY 2011 Allocation
Houston Area (to include 13 counties and 6 principal cities in eastern, TX as defined for the FY 2008 grant cycle)	\$1,281,976
Los Angeles / Long Beach Area (to include 5 counties and 38 principal cities spanning southwestern CA)	\$1,281,976
National Capital Region (to include 26 counties and 16 principal cities spanning Washington, D.C., northern VA, central and southern MD, eastern WV, and representatives from DE and PA)	\$1,281,976
New York City / Northern New Jersey Area (to include 30 counties and 21 principal cities that span eastern CT, northern NJ, southeastern NY and northeastern PA)	\$2,563,952 ¹
Honolulu Area (to include the four counties of HI, including the principal city of Honolulu)	\$1,281,976
Norfolk Area (to include 15 counties and 9 principal cities, as defined for the FY 2008 grant cycle, spanning central eastern and southeastern VA as well as northeastern NC)	\$1,281,976
Seattle Area (to include 8 counties and 12 principal cities spanning central WA)	\$1,281,976
Total	\$14,101,736

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

The key milestones associated with FY 2011 RCPGP are:

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

5. How will the FY 2011 RCPGP funds be allocated?

RCPGP funds will be allocated through a single non-competitive award to each of the existing Regional Catastrophic Planning Teams and associated sites, provided their applications meet the minimum standards specified for FY 2011.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 RCPGP?

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 RCPGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

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

¹ Two sites elected to combine financials to form one Regional Catastrophic Planning Team. New York City and Jersey City/Newark are expected to continue to work together as the New York/Northern New Jersey Area RCPGP Site to carry out the program goals and objectives.

8. How will the FY 2011 RCPGP 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 general 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 program-specific information, please contact NPD-Planning@fema.gov.
- 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 RCPGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.