



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 RCPGP?

The purpose of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 RCPGP is to enhance catastrophic incident preparedness in high-risk, high-consequence urban areas and their surrounding regions. 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. 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 2010 RCPGP?

The total amount of funds distributed to the sites under the FY 2010 RCPGP will be \$33,600,000. The maximum award amount for each of the eight (8) pre-designated Tier 1 urban areas that participated in previous RCPGP grant cycles is \$3,570,000. The maximum award amount for each of the three (3) pre-designated Tier 2 urban areas that participated in previous RCPGP grant cycles is \$1,680,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 RCPGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2010 RCPGP include the 11 pre-designated high-risk, high-consequence urban areas within the 10 RCPGP sites that received funding under RCPGP in the FY 2009 grant cycle. A detailed table of eligible applicants is included below.

Tier 1 RCPGP Site	Associated Urban Area
Bay Area (to include 11 counties and 23 principal cities spanning central western CA)	Bay Area
Boston Area (to include 17 counties and 17 principal cities spanning most of eastern MA, southern NH, and all of RI)	Boston Area
Chicago Area (to include 16 counties and 15 principal cities spanning northeastern IL, northwestern IN and southeastern WI)	Chicago Area
Houston Area (to include 13 counties and 6 principal cities in eastern TX, as defined for the FY 2008 grant cycle)	Houston Area
Los Angeles / Long Beach Area (to include 5 counties and 38 principal cities spanning southwestern CA)	Los Angeles/ Long Beach Area

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)	National Capital Region Area
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) ¹	New York City Area
	Jersey City/ Newark Area
Tier 2 RCPGP Site	Associated Urban Area
Honolulu Area (to include the four counties of HI, including the principal city of Honolulu)	Honolulu Area
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)	Norfolk Area
Seattle Area (to include 7 counties and 11 principal cities spanning central WA)	Seattle Area

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 RCPGP?

The key milestones associated with FY 2010 RCPGP are:

- December 8, 2009: Release date for FY 2010 RCPGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit
- April 19, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA by the SAA

5. How will the FY 2010 RCPGP funds be allocated?

RCPGP funds will be allocated through a single non-competitive award to each of the pre-designated 11 high-risk, high-consequence urban areas within the 10 RCPGP sites that received funding under RCPGP in the FY 2009 grant cycle, provided their applications meet the minimum standards specified for FY 2010.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 RCPGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2010 RCPGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 RCPGP Grant 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 2010 RCPGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT, April 19, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the

¹ The New York City Urban Area and Jersey City/Newark Urban Area are expected to work together as the New York/Northern New Jersey Area RCPGP Site to carry out the program goals and objectives.

Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grants Program Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

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 RCPGP@dhs.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 2010 RCPGP period of performance?

The period of performance is 36 months.