



FEMA

Fiscal Year 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2018 EMPG Program?

The purpose of the FY 2018 EMPG Program is to make grants available to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments 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 direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized, to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system.

2. What legislation authorizes funding for the FY 2018 EMPG?

Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended, (6 U.S.C. § 762); Title VI of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 93-288) (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 *et seq.*) the *Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 95-124) (42 U.S.C. §§ 7701 *et seq.*); and the *National Flood Insurance Act of 1968*, as amended (Pub. L. No. 90-448) (42 U.S.C. §§ 4001 *et seq.*).

3. How much funding is available under the FY 2018 EMPG Program?

The total amount of funds to be distributed under the FY 2018 EMPG Program will be \$350,100,000. This total funding amount includes \$100,000 from the Disaster Relief Fund that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must make available to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to Article X of the *Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association Act* (Pub. L. No. 108-188).

4. What are the changes in funding levels between FY 2017 and FY 2018?

The FY 2018 funding level for the EMPG Program is unchanged from FY 2017.

5. Where is the FY 2018 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity located?

The FY 2018 EMPG Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

6. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2018 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 2018 EMPG Program funds. Either the

State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency 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.

7. How will the FY 2018 EMPG Program applications be submitted?

Applying for an award under the EMPG Program is a multi-step process. Eligible applicants must submit their initial application through the Grants.gov portal at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than seven days before the final application deadline. Applicants needing Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. Eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in the [Non-Disaster \(ND\) Grants System](#). Applicants needing technical support with the ND Grants System, please contact ndgrants@fema.gov or (800) 865-4076, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm ET. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on June 20, 2018.

8. What are the key dates associated with the FY 2018 EMPG Program?

- May 21, 2018: Release date for FY 2018 EMPG NOFO.
- June 20, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET: Applications due to FEMA.

9. How will FY 2018 EMPG Program funds be allocated?

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) awards are based on Section 662 of the *Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006*, as amended. The allocation methodology for FY 2018 EMPG Program mandates that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will each receive 0.75 percent of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will each 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* (Pub. L. No. 108-188), funds are available from the Disaster Relief Fund for the Federated States of Micronesia and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

10. What is the FY 2018 EMPG Program period of performance?

The period of performance is 24 months.

11. 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 by e-mail at ASKCsid@fema.gov, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

- For support regarding financial grant management and budgetary technical assistance, applicants may contact the DHS/FEMA Grant Operations Help Desk via e-mail at ASK-GMD@fema.gov.
- The FEMA Regions also provide technical assistance to EMPG Program primary recipients. A list of contacts in the FEMA Regions is available at <https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts>