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**Emergency Management Performance Grant – American Rescue Plan Act
EMPG-ARPA Funding Announcement**

Purpose

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides federal funding to assist states, Tribes, and local governments with all hazards emergency preparedness. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided additional funding to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the annual EMPG 2021 cycle on a population-share basis. Participating states then distribute these funds for reimbursement of applicable state, Tribal, and local emergency management program expenses. Through this EMPG-ARPA funding opportunity, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) will award up to \$990,000 in federal funding to eligible applicants for planning, equipment, training, and exercises. All planning, equipment, training, and exercise activities eligible under EMPG 2021, are also eligible for EMPG-ARPA funding.

EMPG funds are used to implement the National Preparedness System and to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. To that end, program objectives include closing capability gaps that are identified in the state's most recent Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) and building or sustaining those capabilities that are identified as high priority through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/SPR process. EMPG allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas described in the National Preparedness Goal.

Application Release Overview

- EMPG funding prioritization and details for eligibility are found in the; Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual (February 2021); and this State Funding Announcement, Allocation Methodology, and Application.
- The EMPG 2021 NOFO, up-dated to include ARPA funding, was made available April 12, 2021.
- The FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual was up-dated February 2021. The EMPG-specific section is found in Appendix H.
- The link for this Funding Announcement and all associated material is <https://www.nmdhsem.org/administrative-services-bureau/administrative-services-bureau-grants/empg-arpa-application-materials/>

Period of Performance

It is anticipated that selected activities for allocation will be identified in a Sub-grant Agreement with a Period of Performance beginning January 2022 and ending June 2023. The actual start date is based on when FEMA makes the complete award to DHSEM. On a case-by-case basis, it may be possible to begin the Sub-grant Agreement Period of Performance October 2020 in order to take advantage of eligible matching funds incurred.

Matching Funds

EMPG-ARPA is a cost match program, meaning participating jurisdictions are required to provide at least 50% in matching funds for expenses. For every dollar of federal EMPG-ARPA grant funding provided, the sub-grantee must provide an equal amount of non-federal cost share. This includes non-federal cash spent for project related costs. Cash match must only include those costs authorized in 44 CFR Part 13 and 2 CFR Part 200.306. Non-cash match is also acceptable. Back-up documentation is required for all match (both cash and non-cash).

Eligibility

Eligible Sub-grant applicants are Tribes, Pueblos, Nations, counties, and municipalities, located within the State of New Mexico that are implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Eligible Sub-grant applicants must:

- be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS);
- have an All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that meets the CPG 101;
- have a Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) that meets the criteria set forth in CPG 201; and
- have an Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP), similar to what was previously called Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP).

For communities that do not yet have all the above, EMPG-ARPA funds may be used to meet the requirements. However, a NIMS adoption resolution (or similar) is required to be submitted with the Application.

Eligible activities must be one of the planning, equipment, training, or exercise categories. See the February 2021 FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual, Appendix H for additional description. Hiring of full and/or part time staff, as per DHSEM priorities, is un-allowable.

Priorities

In general, DHSEM priorities for EMPG-ARPA funding are planning, equipment, training, and exercise. Additional information is found in the EMPG-ARPA Selection Methodology.

Priority 1; Distribution Management Plan creation or up-date

Priority 2; Each applicant's highest priority activity

Priority 3; Planning to maintain EOP, THIRA, and Continuity of Operations plans

Priority 4; Planning to create EOP, THIRA, and Continuity of Operations plans

Priority 5; Activities that work towards achieving National Qualification System status for
Emergency Operations Center positions

Priority 6; Training, exercises, or equipment that support NIMS Typed Team sustainment

Priority 7; Training, exercises, or equipment that support building capability for a NIMS Typed Team

Priority 8; All other eligible activities

Important Dates

- September 30, 2021; Release of State Funding Announcement and associated materials
- October 7, 2021; Application Webinar at 2pm (to be recorded and posted)
- October 15, 2021; Applicant question submittal deadline to DHSEM
- October 22, 2021; DHSEM response to questions posted
- November 19, 2021; Applications due to DHSEM
- December 2021; DHSEM Review of applications
- December 30, 2021; Anticipated award letters sent to applicants
- January 30, 2022; Anticipated date for Sub-grants to be awarded to applicants (Sub-grants will be sent only after FEMA makes the complete award to DHSEM)

Please submit questions to DHSEM.LocalPrepared@state.nm.us by October 15, 2021.