

Grant Executive Summary

Emergency Management Performance Grant

Funds available

\$319.55 Million

Apply by June 24, 2024



Grant highlights

The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) is to provide grants to states to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards. The EMPG program's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain all-hazards core capabilities across the Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery mission areas outlined in the National Preparedness Goal.

The federal share may not exceed 50 percent of the total budget for a project. The state cost match may be made on either a cash or in-kind basis. The performance period is three years.

Eligibility

All 56 states and territories are eligible to apply for EMPG program funds.

Only one application will be accepted from each state or territory. The State Administration Agency (SAA) or the State's Emergency Management Agency is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for EMPG funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies.

A listing of the EMPG funding allocations for which each state and territory are eligible to apply may be found on pp. 24-26 of the [EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#).

Each State shall obligate 100 percent of its total EMPG Program allocation amount to the designated State-level Emergency Management Agency (EMA). If the State Administering Agency (SAA) is also the EMA, this requirement is automatically met. If the SAA is a separate agency, or has separate budget processes, then these funds must be obligated to the EMA within 15 days of the grant award date. In instances where the State-level EMA is making sub-awards to local jurisdictions, FEMA expects the State-level EMA to make these awards as expeditiously as possible.

Funding priorities and allowable costs

For the FY24 EMPG program, DHS/FEMA has identified three national priorities: equity; climate resilience; and readiness. The readiness area includes resilient communications. Examples of allowable activities under these national priority areas may be found on pp. 15-21 of the [NOFO](#).

Allowable costs for the FY24 EMPG program includes equipment from certain categories of the [Authorized Equipment List](#), including, among other things, Interoperable Communications Equipment, Information Technology (e.g., notification and warning system, computer-aided dispatch systems, software for data gathering and analysis, artificial intelligence tools), Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment, and Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (e.g., video surveillance, warning, and access control).

Emergency Communication: Grantees (including sub-recipients) who receive awards under the EMPG that wholly or partially provide funding for emergency communication projects and related activities should comply with the most recent version of the [SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants](#).

Maintenance and Sustainment: Maintenance contracts, warranties, repairs, upgrades and user fees are allowable, but the coverage period of stand-alone contracts or extensions to an existing one must not exceed the performance period of the grant. The only exception is if the maintenance contract or warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment, then coverage may exceed the performance period.

Government Continuity Capabilities: Applicants will be expected to have plans to work towards the goal of operational continuity if awarded. FEMA specifies that these plans must comply with Continuity Guidance Circular and associated Continuity Assessment Tool. More information on this can be found on page 31 of the [NOFO](#).

Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Equipment or Services:

Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds for certain telecommunication and video surveillance equipment or services produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see pp. 56 of the [EMPG NOFO](#) and page 13-14 of the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#). Grant funds may be used to procure replacement equipment and services impacted by this prohibition, provided the costs are otherwise consistent with program requirements.

Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects: Grant recipients planning to use award funds for infrastructure projects must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act unless they obtain a waiver from FEMA. For more information see pp. 83-85 of the [EMPG NOFO](#) and consult your legal department.

Application deadline

The SAA must submit the full application by **June 24, 2024, 5 pm ET**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline, so applicants have enough time to submit the full application to FEMA GO by the deadline.

FEMA Regional EMPG Manager will review EMPG Work Plans for their states/territories to assess their proposed EMPG investments against recognized emergency preparedness needs, including support for maintenance and sustainment of core capabilities and progress made toward implementing the National Preparedness System.

Motorola Solutions offers a proven basis for your application

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- **CBRS Private LTE (NITRO)** — Nitro from Motorola Solutions is a fixed private broadband wireless solution designed for critical infrastructure and enterprise. Nitro enables fast and secure transmission of voice and data to increase operational efficiencies of businesses and enterprises. Being a private closed network, Nitro system owners have complete control over coverage, access and usage. In the US, Nitro systems operate predominantly in the CBRS (3.5GHz) frequency band and are compatible with FCC certified user devices from many manufacturers.



How to apply

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through www.grants.gov. The full application package should be submitted via the FEMA GO system at <https://go.fema.gov/>.

Applicants should refer to the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on submitting an application

For a detailed explanation of the required Work Plan, please read pp. 87-90 of the [NOFO](#).

For emergency communications specific guidance, please read pp. 24-26 of the [NOFO](#).

Applicants are required to prioritize investments that support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) process and other relevant information sources. Linkage between investments and THIRA/SPR results must be reflected in the Work Plan.

FAQs may be found [here](#).

Contact your SAA for specific details and their application timelines. Find a list of SAA contacts [here](#).

We can help you

The grant application process can be challenging to navigate. To help you, Motorola Solutions has partnered with the grant experts at PoliceGrantsHelp.com. Their team of funding experts can help your agency identify which areas you are eligible for, answer questions and offer insights on how to write an effective application.

Additional information and resources can be found on our website: www.motorolasolutions.com/govgrants.



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