

# FEMA Announces Billions in Federal Funds to Empower States to Prepare for Disasters

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Over the coming weeks, FEMA is making billions of dollars in federal funding available for state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. This includes seven Notices of Funding Opportunity that FEMA published yesterday. These funds help states manage their response to disasters like fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and even terrorist attacks.

This announcement comes after a critical evaluation of all grant programs and recipients to root out waste, fraud and abuse and deliver accountability for the American taxpayer. Unlike the previous administration, recipients of grants will no longer be permitted to use federal funds to house illegal immigrants at luxury hotels, fund climate change pet projects, or empower radical organizations with unseemly ties that don't serve the interest of the American people.

## Details

Funding opportunities published today include:

- The **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program**, which makes money available to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. In years past, recipients have used the funds to hire and train more staff, buy critical equipment like generators and mobile command vehicles, and establish interoperable communications systems to help first responders connect during disasters.
- The **Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Response System**, which provides funding to ensure the 28 national task forces can conduct around-the-clock search-and-rescue operations following a major disaster like a hurricane, wildfire, or terrorist attack. These task forces support state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency responders on the ground.
- The **Nonprofit Security Grant Program**, which provides money to help faith-based institutions and nonprofit organizations to strengthen their defenses against the many threats they face, including targeted attacks and acts of terrorism. This money can be used to purchase security cameras, additional warning and alert systems, gates and lighting, access control systems, and training programs for staff.
- The **Homeland Security Grant Program**, which makes funding available to help state, local, and tribal partners to prevent, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism. This money must be used for projects that align with specific homeland security goals, like improving coordination among law enforcement agencies, enhancing



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cybersecurity of critical infrastructure, strengthening security of crowded spaces like concerts or parades, and securing the border.

- FEMA's Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) **National Domestic Preparedness Consortium**, which funds specialized training for state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement and first responders to prepare for high-consequence threats like a coordinated cyber-attack, biological weapon, or a nuclear explosive.

FEMA also released Notices of Funding Opportunity for **National Dam Safety Program** and the **National Incident Management System**. States and other eligible applicants should carefully review each Notice of Funding Opportunity to learn eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, and applications periods.

## Next Steps

You can find comprehensive information regarding all grant programs, eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and other essential details online at: <https://grants.gov>.

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