

# Building Capacity in Emergency Preparedness

## Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting

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# Overview

- Why Preparedness?
- Preparedness Grants Opportunities
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Online Resources



# Why Preparedness?

## Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness (PPD-8)

- describes the Nation's approach to preparing for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States
- National preparedness is the shared responsibility of our whole community
- Every member contributes, including individuals, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and Federal, state, and local governments



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Table 1: Core Capabilities by Mission Area<sup>3</sup>

Prevention	Protection	Mitigation	Response	Recovery
Planning				
Public Information and Warning				
Operational Coordination				
Forensics and Attribution Intelligence and Information Sharing Interdiction and Disruption Screening, Search, and Detection	Access Control and Identity Verification Cybersecurity Intelligence and Information Sharing Interdiction and Disruption Physical Protective Measures Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities Screening, Search, and Detection Supply Chain Integrity and Security	Community Resilience Long-term Vulnerability Reduction Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment Threats and Hazard Identification	Critical Transportation Environmental Response/Health and Safety Fatality Management Services Infrastructure Systems Mass Care Services Mass Search and Rescue Operations On-scene Security and Protection Operational Communications Public and Private Services and Resources Public Health and Medical Services Situational Assessment	Economic Recovery Health and Social Services Housing Infrastructure Systems Natural and Cultural Resources

# The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

- Designed to bring an orderly and systemic means of federal natural disaster assistance for tribal, state, and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to aid citizens and provides federal assistance programs for losses due to a disaster (RESPONSE & RECOVERY)
- Encourage development of comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, prepare for better intergovernmental coordination in the face of a disaster, & encourage the use of insurance coverage. (PREPAREDNESS & MITIGATION)

**GRANTS is one vehicle used to PREPARE & MITIGATE**

so that you are able to respond and recover effectively





# Grant Opportunities from DHS/FEMA



Homeland  
Security

# FY2015 Grant Programs

## Homeland Security Grant Programs (State and Local Preparedness)

- State Homeland Security Program SAA
  - The State has a requirement to “*pass through*” 80% of the HSGP funding to local governments
- Urban Areas Security Initiative Program SAA
- Operation Stonegarden (County/Tribe)
- Tribal Homeland Security direct award
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program direct award
- Fire Prevention and Safety direct award
- Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) direct award
- Emergency Management Performance Grant SAA



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# THSGP Background

The Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program was introduced in FY 2008 as a result of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (hereafter “9/11 Act”)

- **Purpose**

- Provide supplemental funding to “directly eligible tribes” to help strengthen tribes’ capacity to prepare for and respond to emergency situations

- **Historical Program Appropriations**

- FY 2008: \$1,644,555
- FY 2009: \$1,788,000
- FY 2010: \$10,000,000
- FY 2011: \$10,000,000
- FY 2013: \$10,000,000
- FY 2014: \$10,000,000
- FY 2015: \$10,000,000 (9 RIX tribes awarded \$4.7M)



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# THSGP continued

- Specific eligibility requirements
- Period of Performance (24 months)
- Allowable Funding Categories: Planning, Training, Exercises, Eqpt, Organization, Management & Administration
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention: Per the 9/11 Act, grantees are required to ensure that at least 25% of award funds are dedicated toward law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities.
- Tribal Awardees are required to produce a Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)



# SHGP Overview

- Tribes are also eligible for State Homeland Security Grant Program funding from the state in which they reside. This is often an underutilized resource.
  - THSGP eligibility requirements **do not** apply to SHSP funding
  - SHGP is a larger grant program
  - SHGP can be less competitive than THSGP
- Allowable Funding Categories are largely the same



# Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

**Purpose:** To protect the health and safety of the public and firefighters from fire and fire-related hazards

- **Funding:** \$306 million
- **Eligibility:** Fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations
- **Selection Methodology:** Competitive



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# Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

## Eligible Activities

- **Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety**

- (Training, Wellness & Fitness, Firefighting Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment)

- **Emergency Medical Services**

- (Equipment, Training)

- **Vehicles**

- (Pumpers – Brush Trucks – Tankers – Rescue Units – Ambulance Boats – Aerials – Quints – Foam Units)



# Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

**Purpose:** To support fire prevention and safety programs and research and development projects in firefighter safety

- **Funding:** \$34 million
- **Eligibility:** Fire departments and private and public nonprofit organizations recognized for experience and expertise in these types of programs
- **Selection Methodology:** Competitive



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# Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

## Eligible Activities

- General Education/Awareness
- Code Enforcement/Awareness
- Fire & Arson Investigation
- National/State/Regional Programs and Studies
- Firefighter Safety and Research and Development (R&D)



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# Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

**Purpose:** To enhance the ability of local fire departments to comply with staffing, response, and nationally recognized operational standards.

- **Funding:** \$340 million
- **Eligibility:** Volunteer, career, and combination fire departments
- **Selection Methodology:** Competitive



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# Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

## Eligible Activities

- **Hiring of Firefighters**
  - Rehiring Laid-Off Firefighters
  - Retaining Firefighters facing layoff
  - Rehiring Firefighters lost to attrition
  - Hiring New Firefighters
  
- **Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters**

For More Information

Contact the AFG Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or

e-mail at [firegrants@dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov).

AFG website is [www.fema.gov/firegrants](http://www.fema.gov/firegrants).



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Application  
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# Hazard Mitigation Planning

- Process used to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters
- Develop long-term strategies for protecting people, resources, and property in future events
- Involves tribal members and other affected stakeholders and results in a mitigation plan with a strategy for breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage
- HMP also identifies mitigation actions and projects to implement the mitigation strategy
- Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, tribal governments are required to develop a hazard mitigation plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance and FEMA grants to implement mitigation projects.



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# Hazard Mitigation Assistance

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** assists in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential major disaster declaration
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM):** provides funds for hazard mitigation planning and projects on an annual basis
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** provides funds for projects to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) on an annual basis



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# Hazard Mitigation Assistance

“Federally Recognized Tribes and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Option to Submit as an applicant or Sub-applicant”

- Job Aid that discusses benefits and responsibilities of tribes is they choose to become an applicant vs. sub-applicant

[http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1424368115734-86cfbaeb456f7c1d57a05d3e8e08a4bd/Final\\_Tribal\\_JobAid\\_13FEB15\\_508\\_complete.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1424368115734-86cfbaeb456f7c1d57a05d3e8e08a4bd/Final_Tribal_JobAid_13FEB15_508_complete.pdf)



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# FEMA Technical Assistance

- Seeks to build and sustain capabilities through specific services and analytical capacities across two primary functional areas:
  - (1) preparedness TA activities in support of the four homeland security mission areas (prevention, protection, response and recovery)
  - (2) homeland security program management

As capability gaps are identified within state and local jurisdictions, preparedness TA services are designed, developed and delivered to address those needs and build capabilities in the most critical areas





# Examples of Available TA

- Planning Support
  - EOP, COOP, EOC Design, Evacuations, Mass Casualty, Mass Fatality, Public Information, Logistics & Resource Management, Special Needs, Recovery
- Program Management
  - helps build the infrastructure at the local level in which preparedness purchases, training activities, exercises and additional assistance can accurately be managed, administered, tracked and measured
  - ex: Grants Management & Reporting





# Online TA Resources

- TA Program Catalog:  
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/25955>
- TA Request Form:  
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28171>
- Email: [FEMA-TARequest@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-TARequest@fema.dhs.gov)



# Additional Online Resources

- Tribal Declaration & Disaster Assistance Resources: <http://www.fema.gov/tribal-declaration-and-disaster-assistance-resources>
- Hazard Mitigation Job Aid for Tribes: [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1424368115734-86cfbaeb456f7c1d57a05d3e8e08a4bd/Final\\_Tribal\\_JobAid\\_13FEB15\\_508c\\_omplete.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1424368115734-86cfbaeb456f7c1d57a05d3e8e08a4bd/Final_Tribal_JobAid_13FEB15_508c_omplete.pdf)
- FEMA & Tribal Nations: A Pocket Guide <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/99643>
- Ready Indian Country: <http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan/indian-country>



# Regional Tribal Liaisons

- Each FEMA Region has an assigned Tribal Liaison(s)
  - The Regional Tribal Liaisons for Region IX:
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  - Tribal Liaisons are a vital source of information and assistance
    - information gateway to FEMA programs for steady-state and during disaster response/recovery



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