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Universe of Potential Emergency Shelter Funding Opportunities

Research and Analysis to Support the
Kerr-Tar COG's Emergency Shelter Needs

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Executive Summary

Background

The following document identifies the universe of funding opportunities for the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments (COG) within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA), and other sources of potential funding. This report presents a comprehensive research overview of identified grant opportunities based on Hagerty's analysis of Kerr-Tar's Emergency Sheltering needs and the funding gaps that exist to address those needs. Funding opportunities have been organized by "Funding Category" in alignment with the identified "Needs Category" and named by the grants team resulting from this analysis. The table below lists the Emergency Shelters located within the COG's jurisdiction that actively participated in the needs analysis and provided responses to the sheltering needs surveys that helped to inform this research.

Table 1: List of Emergency Shelters

| Shelter | County |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Franklinton High School | Franklin |
| Bunn Middle School | Franklin |
| Louisburg Elementary School | Franklin |
| Royal Elementary School | Franklin |
| Long Mill Elementary School | Franklin |
| Granville County Expo Center | Franklin |
| Northern Granville Middle School | Granville |
| Granville County Expo Center | Granville |
| South Granville High School | Granville |
| Warren's Grove Methodist Church | Person |
| Eaton Johnson Middle School | Vance |
| Warren County Central Shelter | Warren |
| Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Department | Warren |
| Warren County Health Facility | Warren |
| Warren County High School | Warren |

| Shelter | County |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Warren County Middle School | Warren |
| Olive Grove Baptist Church | Warren |
| Zion United Methodist Church | Warren |

Needs Analysis

Prior to researching available funding opportunities, the Hagerty Grants Team conducted a thorough analysis to determine the COG's Emergency Sheltering Needs based on the feedback and results from surveys provided to County leadership for completion by each shelter. Hagerty professionals reviewed the survey feedback and organized needs into a "Needs Category" based on responses and the needs that those responses addressed. The table below illustrates the Needs Category and provides a count of the number of needs stated within each category. Examples of "needs" from survey responses associated with each category have been included as well to provide a clear understanding of how similar needs were grouped together. Of note, the greatest number of needs expressed across all 18 shelters was Pet/Service Animal Accommodations, Utilities, and Dormitory Services, which include equipment and supplies to run the shelter effectively.

Table 2: Needs Analysis Table

| Needs Category | # of Needs Identified | Example of Stated Need |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Pet/Service Accommodations Animal | 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This facility can only accommodate (25) pets. Does not allow pets. This church does have several rooms, but a lot of these rooms are smaller, so pet allergies may pose an issue in the shelter. |
| Utility Services | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This facility does not have backup power. The transfer switch only runs power for this facility and does not run Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC). This site does not have a power transfer switch or does not have a backup generator. |

| Needs Category | # of Needs Identified | Example of Stated Need |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This facility is a church, and it does not have a power transfer switch and does not have a backup generator. |
| Dormitory Accommodations (iNcludes Supplies & Equipment) | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no separation between the dormitory area and the kitchen area – potential for rodents/pests. Need more cots. Only 125 cots are currently at this shelter. This facility is a church and does not have much space for sleeping quarters. |
| Medical/Hygiene | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No showers are available on-site. Could use more bathrooms and showers. This facility does not offer medical and hygiene services. |
| Capacity | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shelter has a limited occupant capacity of only (50). The shelter can only serve as a warming shelter. It could use more storage space. |
| Communications | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor cell phone service. No phone lines. Communication between the bottom and top floors and the several separate rooms may be difficult. |
| Staffing | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited number of volunteers to staff. Most are volunteer firefighters. Limited staff. |
| Parking | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for sufficient parking. There is a limited number of parking spots for this facility. |
| Accessibility | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only a 1-person Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bathroom within the shelter. |
| Signage | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need equipment for signage. The church has several rooms; they will all need to be marked, and adequate navigation will be needed. |
| Childcare | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not much breakout space for childcare. |

| Needs Category | # of Needs Identified | Example of Stated Need |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Total | 51 | |

Funding Analysis

Upon completion of the needs analysis, the Hagerty Grants Team conducted thorough research to identify state and federal funding opportunities that have the potential to provide funding to address the needs stated. Various online resources, including grants.gov as well as state and federal government agency websites, were reviewed and monitored weekly for existing and forecasted grant programs that the COG or the individual counties would be eligible to apply for. The needs categories with the highest number of needs reported were prioritized, i.e. potential funding for pets/service animal sheltering services, utilities, and equipment/supplies and infrastructure funding were researched the most heavily.

Opportunities that were identified, vetted, and flagged as having the potential to address funding gaps in meeting the Emergency Sheltering Needs listed above. A total of 34 opportunities were identified and reviewed, and those programs that the grants team determined had no relevance to the Emergency Shelter's ES'd needs were eliminated from further review. A total of 23 opportunities were eliminated from the Overview Creation process due to irrelevancy or a substantial lack of information. The opportunities that were deemed relevant were then reviewed in more detail based on applicant and use of funds eligibility. A total of 11 opportunities were deemed relevant to ES's needs and researched further. Grant Overviews were created for the programs that Hagerty determined were most relevant to the COG's Emergency Sheltering needs and that met the eligibility requirements. The overviews, all of which are included in this report, provide detailed information on eligibility, funding details, and application deadlines and submission requirements regarding their respective programs. The purpose of these overviews in the final report will allow the COG to review each program and, at their discretion, determine whether to pursue and ultimately apply for funding, with or without the support of the Hagerty grants team.

The programs that were identified and are included in this report have been organized by designated funding categories, as shown in the table below. Funding Categories were determined based on the funding opportunities that were identified and the Grants Team's assessment of how similar needs could be grouped the most efficiently.

Table 3: Funding Analysis Table

| Funding Category | Category Description | # Grant Programs Provided |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Infrastructure | Encompasses funding for needs related to the shelter facilities themselves, not including utilities or the equipment/supplies needed for operating the shelter. Funding provided through The Community Facilities Grant Program provided under this category could potentially be leveraged to address the need for showers, bathrooms, or other hygiene services. | 2 |
| Capacity Building | Encompasses funding opportunities that address equipment, supplies, and additional services that are crucial for operating the shelter. For example, this could include additional cots, additional storage space, medical/hygiene necessities, or communications devices such as radios. Grant programs under this category could also address the staffing and training needs of staff and volunteers. | 5 |
| Pet/Service Accommodation | Animal Encompasses funding opportunities that address pet accommodations within the shelters themselves. Needs for additional space to accommodate pets could potentially be better served through either Infrastructure or Capacity Building grant activities, however. | 1 |
| Utilities | Encompasses funding opportunities that would address the need for backup power sources (generators) and HVAC needs. | 2 |
| Transportation Access | Encompasses funding opportunities that could address transportation systems and infrastructure for improved access to shelter facilities, especially during the onset of a disaster. | 1 |

Upcoming Deadlines & Important Dates

The table below lists important dates and application deadlines for the grant programs included in the following pages of this report. Of note, programs with past deadlines or a "Closed" status should still be considered, as these programs will reopen again in the future in anticipation of additional funding and future application periods.

Table 4: Upcoming Grant Program Deadlines

| Grant Program | Upcoming Deadlines/Dates to Know | Program Status |
|--|--|---|
| Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are accepted on a rolling basis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open |
| Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/29/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: Awaiting next funding period |
| State Emergency Management FY24 Capacity Building Competitive Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/6/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open |
| Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: Awaiting next funding period |
| NC Emergency Solutions Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: Awaiting next funding period |
| READY Local Governments Training and Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/29/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open |
| Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: Awaiting next funding period |
| Banfield Disaster Relief Grant Program Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications are accepted on a rolling basis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open |
| Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities Grant Program Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Release Date anticipated for Spring 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: The next funding period is anticipated to be Spring 2024. |

| Grant Program | Upcoming Deadlines/Dates to Know | Program Status |
|--|---|--|
| Funding to Address Air Pollution in Schools Program Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/19/2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open |
| PROTECT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed: Awaiting next funding period |

Funding Priority: Infrastructure

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**. This is a competitive grant/loan grant program that provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development in North Carolina specifically supports rural prosperity in the state by investing in modern infrastructure such as high-speed internet and water and waste treatment systems. The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) also assists eligible North Carolinians in buying or renting affordable housing and will partner with grant/loan program applicants to assist with building and/or improving essential community facilities such as hospitals, libraries, and schools.

Table 5: Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
|----------------------|---|
| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for this program are accepted year-round and are submitted through SAM.gov. |
| Funding Overview | <p><u>Direct Loan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. Rural Development sets interest rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan and is determined by the median household income of the service area and the population of the community. No pre-payment penalties Current interest rates for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024, effective 1/1/2024-3/31/2024 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty: 4.500% Intermediate: 4.125% |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market: 3.750% <p>Note: For this quarter, all loans may be obligated at the lower market rate</p> <p><u>Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 75% when the proposed project is located in a rural community with a population of 5,000 or less and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher end of the poverty line or 60% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. • Maximum 55% when the proposed project is Located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or less and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher poverty line or 70% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. • Maximum 35% when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or less and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher poverty line or 70% of the State nonmetropolitan median household income. • Maximum 15% when the proposed project is Located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or less and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher end of the poverty line or 90% of the State's nonmetropolitan median household income. The proposed project must meet both percentage criteria. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive low-interest direct loans • Competitive Grant • A combination of the two, combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Bodies • Community-based nonprofit corporations • Federally recognized tribes • An eligible rural area is any area with no more than 20,000 residents and can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities • Villages • Townships and towns |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federally recognized tribal lands <p>Note: Kerr-Tar stakeholders would be eligible to apply by individual city, village, township/towns with populations under 20,000 residents.</p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, purchase equipment, and pay related project expenses. Accessible construction of new community facilities and/or alteration to make existing public facilities accessible would be allowable under this grant program. Examples of essential community facilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities. Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements. Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing. Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment. Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools. Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority point system based on population, median household income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small communities with a population of 5,500 or less Low-income communities having a median household income below 80% of the state's nonmetropolitan median household income |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants should contact their local office to discuss their specific project or to ask any questions regarding the application process. RD Program North Carolina Contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Name: Reginald Speight: State Director Phone: 919-873-2000 |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To apply, applicants should contact their local RD office to discuss the specific project. • Applicants should request a unique entity identification number if their organization does not already have one. • Applicants will then register their organization with the System for Award Management (SAM) if not already registered. • Applicants, at the earliest possible time, should provide a Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report, including the Cost Estimate, for review by the RD Area Loan Specialist and RD State Architect. These two documents are needed to determine the project's feasibility. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants, at the earliest possible time, should provide a Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report, including the Cost Estimate, for review by the RD Area Loan Specialist and RD State Architect. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for Loan and Grant Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must have legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, repay loans, and construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. • Applicants must be unable to finance the project from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms. • Facilities must serve rural areas where they are/will be located. • The project must demonstrate substantial community support. • Environmental review must be completed/acceptable. • Grant Approval Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be eligible for grant assistance, which is provided on a graduated scale with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds • Grant assistance is limited to the percentages listed in the funding overview of this document. • Additional Considerations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Architect Requirements: Because RD programs such as this one involve the construction of new buildings or renovation of existing facilities, the development of these facilities involves the need for architectural services for the preparation of plans, specifications, public bidding, contracting, construction, and construction monitoring |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Architect Requirements: Individual states may have particular requirements based on state and local regulations. National Environmental Requirements: Rural Development environmental requirements can be found here. |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rural Development (RD's) State Architect will evaluate and provide architectural/construction guidance to the applicants and their architects upon receiving the applicant's Preliminary Architectural Feasibility Report. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. |

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's BRIC Grant Program. This is a discretionary grant program funded through the Stafford Act and Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) that funds hazard mitigation projects.

Note: The deadline for the most recent round of funding under this program has passed. Kerr-Tar should monitor this grant for the next round of funding to be released. This program anticipates additional funding and upcoming application submission periods for FY24.

Table 6: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
|----------------------|--|
| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be submitted by 02/29/24 by 3:00 pm ET. Applications are submitted through FEMA GO. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Fiscal Year (FY) 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$112,000,000 for States/Territories \$50,000,000 for Tribal Set-Aside \$112,000,000 for State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000,000 for Tribal Building Code Plus-Up • \$701,000,000 for National Competition Subtotal • No award Minimum or Maximum. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States • District of Columbia • U.S. territories • Federally recognized tribal governments • Local Governments as sub-applicants <p>Note: Applicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible unless applying for a planning grant.</p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability and Capacity-Building Activities: Activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following subcategories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building codes, • partnerships, • project scoping, • hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and • other activities. • Hazard Mitigation Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety, which may include projects designed to build new accessible facilities or increase accessibility of existing facilities, creation and adoption of accessibility standards in local building codes; • Reduce injuries and loss of life; and • Reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards, including drought, wildfire, earthquakes, extreme heat, and the effects of climate change. • Management Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and sub-recipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Disaster Resilience Zones. • Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost share is 75% federal and 25% non-federal. • Cost share is adjusted to 90% federal and 10% non-federal for the following communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Disaster Resilience Zones. • Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-award costs directly related to developing the BRIC grant application or sub-application that are incurred prior to the date of the grant award are allowed subject to FEMA approval at the time of award. • Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Reps Can be Located at https://www.fema.gov/about/contact • FEMA-OEHPNOFOQuestions@fema.dhs.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424 • SF-424A (Non-Construction) • SF-424B (Non-Construction) • SF-424C (Construction) • SF-424D (Construction) • Grants.gov Lobbying Form • SF-LLL • Indirect Cost Agreement or Proposal • Assurances and Certification Form • Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) • Go / No-Go Milestones (Hazard Mitigation Sub-applicants) |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Federal Financial Report (SF-425) • Performance Progress Report • Closeout Reporting • Final Request for Payment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final SF-425 • Final Progress Report • Inventory of Construction Projects |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Report if Expending \$750,000 or More in a Single FY |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility of the applicant and sub-applicant; • Eligibility of proposed activities and costs; • Completeness of the sub-application; • Cost-effectiveness, alternative cost-effectiveness, BCA assistance, and engineering feasibility of hazard mitigation projects; • Eligibility and availability of the non-federal cost share; and • Consistency with approved State Mitigation Plan and Local and/or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan for hazard mitigation projects. • Note: Applicants are exempt from the hazard mitigation criteria for the following Capability and Capacity Building projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, • partnerships and • building codes. • Technical Evaluation Criteria: (Binary Yes/No Scoring) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure Project (15 Points) • Nature-Based Solutions with a Neighborhood or Site Scale (5 Points) OR • Includes Watershed or Landscape Scale Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Resilience (15 Points) • Building Code Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Adopted Building Codes Based on both the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) from 2018 or 2021 (5 Points) AND • Are Based on Mandatory Adoption of Building Codes (5 Points) AND • Has a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Rating of 1 to 5 (10 Points) OR • Provide a Narrative of Alternative Higher Standards (5 Points) |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Generated from a Previous Project Scoping Award (10 Points) • Located in or Primarily Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Justice40 Community (30 Points) OR • Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (40 Points) • Qualitative Evaluation Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Reduction/Resilience Effectiveness (30 Points) • Climate Change and Other Future Conditions (20 Points) • Implementation Measures (15 Points) • Population Impacted (25 Points) • Community Engagement and Other Outreach Activities (5 Points) • Leveraging Partners (5 Points) |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Application Ranking by Applicants • Technical Evaluation and Review. • Identified for Further Review. • Final Selection Process. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 months. |

Funding Priority: Capacity Building

State Emergency Management FY24 Capacity Building Competitive Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's FY24 Capacity Building Competitive Grants (CBCG) Program. This is a competitive grant program funded through the North Carolina Appropriations Act of 2023 and administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management. This program seeks to provide funding for building on capabilities, closing capacity gaps, and includes best practices to meet the needs of emergency management offices across the state. Grant funds shall be used to ensure local emergency management offices are adequately equipped, trained, and prepared for all hazards and emergencies.

Table 7: State Emergency Management FY24 CBCG Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
|----------------------|---|
| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be submitted by March 6, 2024, by 11:59 pm EST. Applications are submitted through Salesforce. All questions regarding the application process should be directed to the CBCG@ncdps.gov mailbox, subject line "FY24 CBCG Question", by February 21, 2024. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$1,925,578 in funding is available for the FY24 CBCG Program. Eligible counties can apply for up to \$200,000 for one project under this program. <p>Note: All awards are contingent upon the Division of Emergency Management receiving the specified grant funds from North Carolina at the expected level and are subject to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed.</p> |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Grant Program. |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Applicants are County emergency management agencies established in accordance with G.S. 166A-19.15 located in counties with a population of 230,000 or fewer. Ineligible Counties include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buncombe • Cumberland • Forsythe • Guilford • Union • Cabarrus • Durham • Gaston • Mecklenburg • Wake <p>Note: All Counties included in the Kerr-Tar COG are eligible to apply for this grant</p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) is interested in funding the target priority areas included below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing local mass care and human services capacity • Preparedness Initiatives. • Improving incident management/coordination capacity. • Improving Emergency Operation Center (EOC) capabilities to include technology initiatives for continuity of operations purposes. • Resiliency Initiatives. • Other items supported by a documented local or regional risk assessment/THIRA. • Note: Applicants are not limited solely to projects that address the FY2024 Target Priorities. Applications addressing other locally identified priorities may be awarded based on scoring and funds availability. • A project may include multiple items or categories of items. The review committee will independently score each project. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Counties and applicants include counties with a population of 230,000 or less. |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no match requirement imposed on grant funds provided under this program. • Applicants may list match funds on their application if desired, but they are not required, and it is not a scoring criterion. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCEM does not allow pre-award costs. Expenditures incurred prior to the start date of the award may not be charged to the project. • Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: CBCG@ncdps.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Abstract: Briefly describe the project's purpose, identify the target population, and discuss program components that address the identified problem; • Project Narrative: Provide additional information about the project application; • Project Timeline of Activities: Provide a timeline for the implementation of the project; • Project Sustainability Plan: Describe a formal, working sustainability plan for the project and how the project will be sustained using jurisdictional resources once the grant funds run out. • Project Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The budget should justify all expenses and be consistent with the program narrative; budgets must be clear and specific and reflect all project spending throughout the duration of the grant's performance period. ➢ Equipment Budget: Explanation about how items listed in the equipment category in the budget are required for the project. ➢ For the purposes of the CBCG application, equipment is any tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year purchased for project use). • Supplanting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funds must be used to supplement existing federal, state, and local funds for program activities and must not replace (supplant) those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Jurisdictions must provide assurances and |

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| | <p>certifications as to non-supplanting and the existence of proper administrative/financial procedures as requested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Line Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly outline the amount of funding requested for each type of funding sought (e.g., the amount for salaries, consultants, supplies, travel, and/or equipment). • Each cost requested is required to have its line item. Each staff member, consultant, and/or volunteer position requires separate budget lines. • Indirect Cost Rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect cost rates are not allowed. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once grant funds have been disbursed, each recipient should be prepared to submit reporting documentation (09 North Carolina Administrative Code [03M .0401]) pursuant to the grant agreement, in addition to any required audits. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NCEM Review Committee will assess each application based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of Gap or Priority to be addressed (10 points) • Methodology to address Gap or Priority (25 points) • Project Sustainability (10 points) • FY2024 Target Priorities addressed (25 points) • Timeline of Activities/Milestones (20 points) • Budget (10 points) |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NCEM Review Committee will assess each application based on the criteria listed above. • A scoring rubric will be posted on the CBCG website to help applicants understand how the CBCG review committee will score their applications. • No application or proposal is guaranteed an award at any time during the time of grant review or the recommendation process. • Funding is subject to the availability of funds and the project's adherence to funding guidelines. • Funding recommendations are made by the members of the CBCG review committee appointed by the NCEM Director to review and score applications and to provide recommendations on suggested approvals and award amounts. • The NCEM Director makes the final determination of all awards. |

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| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards will be made for up to twelve (12) months Period of Performance (POP): July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for FY24 CBCG funds. |

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program Overview (FY23)

This document provides a high-level overview of The Department of Homeland Security's EMPG program. This is a competitive grant program funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 that provides funds to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies to implement the National Preparedness System (NPS) and to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

Note: This Overview has been created containing information from the most recent NOFO, as FY 2024 funding has not yet been released.

Table 8: EMP Program Overview (FY23)

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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the previous NOFO, the application period for this program opened on February 27, 2023. Applications were to be submitted by May 18, 2023, at 5 pm EST. Initial applications are processed through the Grants.gov portal; final applications are completed and submitted through FEMA's Non-Disaster Grants (ND Grants) System. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$355,100,000 was available under this NOFO for FY22 and FY23. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discretionary/Competitive |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Applicants are State or territorial governments (the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the state's Emergency Management Agency (EMA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the allocation of any federal preparedness awards, recipients must ensure and maintain the adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMPG recipients must belong to, be in, or act as an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)temporary member state, except for American Samoa, the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Commonwealth what of the Northern Mariana Islands. |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Use of Funds under this program falls into the following cost categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Organization Equipment Training Exercises Travel Construction and Renovation Operational Overtime Maintenance and Sustainment |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FY2023 EMPG Program has a cost-share requirement. The recipient contribution can be cash (hard match) or third-party in-kind (soft match). Eligible EMPG Program applicants shall agree to make available non-federal funds to carry out an EMPG Program award in an amount not less than 50% of the total project cost; in other words, the federal share applied toward the EMPG Program budget shall not exceed 50% of the total budget as submitted in the application and approved in the award. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-award costs are allowable only with the prior written approval of the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) and if they are included in the award agreement. Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) costs and activities are not operational costs; they are those costs and activities incurred in direct support of the grant or as a result of the grant and should be allocated across the entire lifecycle of the grant. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA has assigned Regional Program Analysts for the EMPG Program. • Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Name • Phone: 800-368-6498 • Email: fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Grants.gov, applicants need to submit the following forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. • Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying. • After submitting the initial application to Grants.gov, eligible applicants will be notified by FEMA and asked to proceed with submitting their complete application package in Non-Disaster (ND) Grants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424A, Budget Information (Non-Construction), submitted via the forms generated by ND. • SF-424B, Standard Assurances (Non-Construction), submitted via the forms generated by ND Grants. • SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, submitted via the forms generated by ND Grants. • Indirect Cost Agreement or Proposal, submitted as an attachment in ND Grants if the budget includes indirect costs and the applicant is required to have an indirect cost rate agreement or proposal. • The following program-specific information is required to be submitted as part of the FY23 EMPG Program application: EMPG Program Work Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All EMPG Program applicants must develop and submit a Work Plan as described in the EMPG Program Work Plan section of the Preparedness Grants Manual, Appendix H. • All EMPG Program Work Plans will require final approval by the RA • Before submitting the EMPG Program Work Plan, the applicant must work with the Regional Administrator (RA) or designated Regional EMPG Program Manager to ensure that the common set of agreed-upon priorities, as explained in the Priorities section, are properly addressed in the EMPG Program Work Plan. |

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| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipients are required to submit various financial and programmatic reports as a condition of award acceptance. • Future awards and funds drawdown may be withheld if these reports are delinquent. • FEMA, through its authorized representatives, has the right, at all reasonable times, to make site visits or conduct desk reviews to review project accomplishments and management control systems to review and award progress and to provide any required technical assistance. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Alignment. • Schedule and Budget . • Public Engagement, Partnerships, and Collaboration. • Innovation. • Financial Integrity Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Stability. • Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards. • History of performance in managing federal award • Reports and findings from audits; and • Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements. • Supplemental Financial Integrity Criteria and Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA is required to review and consider any information about the applicant, including information on the applicant's immediate and highest-level owner, subsidiaries, and predecessors, if applicable. • An applicant may review information in Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) and comment on any information about itself that a federal awarding agency previously entered. • FEMA will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIS, in making a judgment about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants. |

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| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Regional EMPG Program Managers conduct all pre-award reviews for EMPG Program grant awards. ● All EMPG Program Work Plans require final approval by the RA. ● Prior to submission of the EMPG Program Work Plan, the applicant must work with the RA or designated Regional EMPG Program Manager to ensure that regional or state priorities are properly addressed in the EMPG Program Work Plan. ● Funds for recipients will not be released until such Work Plan is received, reviewed, and approved by DHS/FEMA. ● Overall Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FEMA Regions are responsible for reviewing submitted applications. ● Each Regional EMPG Program Manager reviews the FY 2023 EMPG Program Work Plans for their states or territories to assess the proposed miles per gallon (MPG) Program investments against the agreed-upon priorities. This will include a financial review using the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allowability, allocability, and financial reasonableness of the proposed budget and investment information and ➤ Whether a recipient meets the financial and legal requirements. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 36 months |

NC Emergency Solutions Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). This is a competitive grant program that provides funding to qualified local governments and nonprofit organizations to improve the number and quality of emergency shelters, provide essential services to shelter residents, re-house homeless individuals and families, and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

Note: The information provided in this overview is based on the program's most recent funding period and application requirements. The notice for this program's previous round of funding was released in June 2023.

Table 9: NC Emergency Solutions Grant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program has not yet released application information and submission deadlines for FY24. <p>Note: Applications for the last round of funding were due in August 2023.</p> |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$4,927,883 was available in the previous round of funding. Details regarding the program's next round of funding have not yet been released. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive/Discretionary . |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Governments. Nonprofit Organizations. |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESG funds are intended to be used as part of a crisis response system using a low-barrier, housing-focused approach. Allowable activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging homeless individuals and families living on the street. Improving the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families. Helping to operate emergency shelters. Providing essential services to emergency shelter residents. Rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families. Preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless. Administration: Up to 7.5% of the recipient's allocation can be used for general management, oversight, coordination and reporting on the program. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal program regulations require that ESG funding be used to serve people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. According to ESG program regulations, homeless means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families with children who do not otherwise qualify as homeless. Any individual or family who: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence. • Has no other residence. • Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <p>ESG grantees are required to match the funding provided under the ESG program with an equal amount of other resources such as cash, donated land or materials, and volunteer hours.</p> |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 75% of a recipient's allocation can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Management • Oversight • Coordination • Reporting on the program • Grant Program Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Name: Chris Battle • Phone: 919-855-4984 • Email:chris.battle@dhhs.nc.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State will accept one regional application from each CoC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to the Submission page will be provided to applicants by their CoC. • Applicants must complete the general application section plus any activity section (Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, HMIS) for which they are applying for funding. • New and returning applicants complete the same application; however, please note the specific instructions within the application for some questions as they relate to how a new versus returning applicant should answer the question. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ESG grantees are required to submit regular performance reports to the Division of Aging and Adult Service's ESG Office. • Reports must detail the total number and characteristics of homeless individuals and members of homeless families served during the reporting period. • Grantees must provide information on the causes of homelessness reported by clients ad expenditures by activity type during the reporting period. |

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| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be reviewed and considered based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CoC's Review: How did the CoC review applications? Was the process fair and transparent? Are the applications recommended for funding able to start by the required period of performance start date? • Performance Measures: Has the recommended agency met the performance measures outlined in the current year's contract? • Program Standards: Do the agency's ESG program standards comply with and meet the requirements of the ESG program? • Expenditure History: Are the agency's expenditures timely, accurate, and appropriate for the funding level received? • Additional Considerations taken into account by the ESG Office include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated Connections: Show connections between emergency response and housing stabilization programs. • Data Questions: Ensure the data provided by HMIS or a comparable database is accurate and answers the question. • Demonstrated ability to meet and comply with The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), ESG, and North Carolina policies and guidelines. |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoCs are expected to closely review the information provided in each project application prior to ESG's review. • The NC ESG Office puts each submission through a robust vetting process based on the considerations listed above. • The application evaluation is broken down into a multi-step process, reviewed by a 3-person independent review committee. • If funded, the Award Notification Letter will contain the proposed award amount along with "requirements / special considerations" to submit to the ESG Office. • Once received and accepted by the ESG Office, grant awards will be finalized. Funded organizations will be notified directly. • Respective CoCs will be notified once collective funding decisions have been made. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Provided. |

READY Local Governments Training and Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC's) READY Local Governments Training and Funding Program. This is a nine-week training and potential funding program that seeks to offer no-cost training and funding to help local government officials better identify, secure, manage, and implement federally funded projects. Applicants may apply to the training program at no cost, and following completion of the program, participants will be eligible for funding to implement internal capacity-building projects to help them better serve communities, which in turn will strengthen the entire 13-state region.

Background: The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development entity of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the Region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation.

Table 10: READY Local Governments Training and Grant Program Overview

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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the READY Local Government training program and potential post-training funding are due by 2/29/2024 at 5 pm EST. • Capacity for the program is limited to 180 local government officials, with no more than two officials per community. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This training program will occur virtually over the course of nine weeks beginning in Spring 2024. • Following completion of the training program, participants will be eligible for up to \$50,000 in funding to implement internal capacity-building projects. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive/Discretionary. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An eligible "local government" for this program includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough • Cities • Counties • Municipalities • Parishes • Towns/Townships |

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- Federally recognized Indian tribes in the 432-county Appalachian region

Note: Ineligible applicants include local public authorities, special districts, school districts, intrastate districts, councils of governments, and any other agency or instrumentality of a multi-state, regional, or intra-state government.

- READY Appalachia – Local Governments training program is available to two participants from up to 90 local governments, or 180 total participants.
 - One of the two participants must be the highest-ranking political or administrative local government official (e.g., mayor, city council president, city manager, county manager, county executive, and similar individuals).
 - The second participant can be a local government political representative, staff member, or other relevant individual chosen by the applying local government.
- Eligibility for the grant program will depend on both participants' attendance per these requirements at training program activities.
- Each of the 90 participating local governments whose representatives complete the 9-week training program and meet the attendance requirements will be eligible to apply for a financial award of up to \$50,000 from ARC.
- The local governments will not be competing for the same grant monies.

Eligible Uses

- ARC's Training Program will help local government administrators and officials learn actional skills, including:
 - Project Identification, Research, and Planning;
 - The Grant Lifecycle;
 - Federal Grant Application Development;
 - Community Engagement;
 - Federal Grant Regulations and Compliance.
 - Federal Grant Financial and Risk Management
- READY Local Governments Grant Program uses of funding:
 - Capacity-building grant in which participants can focus on a capacity-related need identified during the training course.
 - The purpose of the grant is to advance the local government entity's internal capacity rather than a traditional external grant activity; a non-exhaustive list of examples includes:

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring full-time, part-time, permanent, temporary, or contracted employees. • Contracting out a service, such as creation of a strategic plan, project management, consulting services, or grant writing. • Purchasing Information Technology (IT) infrastructure or equipment, such as computers. • Purchasing a subscription for project management software, accounting software, or customer relationship management software. • Providing relevant formal training (grant writing, project accounting, community engagement) for staff or elected officials. • A combination of any of the uses, such as above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ineligible uses for the grant include construction and projects that do not serve to advance the local government's capacity or ability to serve citizens better. <p>Note: The grant award is not guaranteed and will require a separate application process</p> |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special consideration will be given to municipalities serving the following communities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distressed areas and census tracts. • Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plan Communities priority communities. • Rural Partners Networks. • Historically underserved and marginalized populations. • Black, Latino, Indigenous, and Other Persons of Color (BIPOC). • Persons with disabilities. • Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (or questioning), intersex, and asexual (LCGTQIA) persons. • Low-income persons. • Economically at-risk persons. • Persons with local educational attainment. • Low-capacity government entities within the local government's jurisdiction. • Any other historically underserved and marginalized populations and/or places. |

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| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no match required under this program; however, applicants will have the option for a matching commitment, and American Red Cross (ARC) will encourage local governments to offer a match if they are able to. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect costs will also be eligible per standard ARC regulations. Program Contact Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: ARCReady@grantworks.net |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pre-application webinar will walk applicants through the application portal process and answer frequently asked questions. Applicants must register here to receive an email with a link to the application portal. Applicants must provide all information requested in the application via the link sent to them. Applicants must address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria within the application. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course 6 of 9 will focus on Financial Management and will include information on managing and reporting on the funding, if and when granted, as well as audit requirements and reimbursement of funds. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific assessment criteria, weightings for each criterion, and discretionary or qualitative factors will be utilized in the evaluation of applications. Criteria include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The municipality's experience with federal grant application and management. The extent to which the municipality serves underserved groups and historically marginalized populations. The municipality's alignment with ARC's five Investment Priorities. The municipality's level of economic distress and its identification as a priority area for investment by the federal government (as determined by Rural Partners Network and Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities designations). Thorough and complete answers to all questions on the application will help to maximize applicants' potential scores on this assessment. |

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| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance into the training program is awarded through a competitive application assessment process. • Applications are assessed based on the criteria listed above. • Weightings for each criterion and discretionary or qualitative factors will be utilized in the evaluations of applications. • An ARC Review Panel will review and select participants based on eligibility and the assessment criteria. • Applicants will be notified of their admittance into the program by email in April 2024. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Program will run from April 29, 2024, through June 28, 2024. • Post-course program evaluation will take place the week of July 1, 2024. • Optional follow-up consultation with participants will occur in October/November of 2024. • Post-program evaluation will occur from December 14, 2024, through January 15, 2025. |

Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Gant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of FEMA's Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. This is a competitive grant program funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 that provides funding to close known capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional preparedness efforts. The program's purpose is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness.

Note: This overview was prepared based on the FY23 NOFO and should be updated upon the release of FY24 funding and NOFO.

Table 11: Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Gant Program Overview

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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY23 Initial Applications were to be submitted three days before the final deadline. • Complete application packages were to be submitted by 7/24/2023 by 5 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) in the previous application period. • Applications were to be submitted through Grants.gov. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$12 million was awarded in FY23 under this program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds for recipients will not be released until such Work Plan is received, reviewed, and approved by DHS/FEMA. • Anticipated Number of Awards: 5-10 • Maximum award amount: \$3,000,000 |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary/Competitive. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Applicants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States or Territories (only if one or more of the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)_is located within the state or territory). • Local Governments (must be located within one of the 100 most populous MSAs). <p>Note: FEMA will accept no more than one application per MSA</p> <p>Note: <u>Franklin, Vance, and Person Counties would be eligible to apply as they are located within the Raleigh MSA.</u></p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants are expected to develop and deliver one planning project that addresses specific capability gaps and focuses on Housing, Community Resilience, AND long-term vulnerability reduction. • Examples of Allowable Activities falling into the below three categories include but are not limited to: • Community Resilience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with local community leaders, emergency managers, advocacy groups, and other key stakeholders to develop localized, risk-informed mitigation plans. • Conduct outreach and training with local community leaders and partners to identify at-risk, disadvantaged communities, analyze their risks, capabilities, and needs, and address those |

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needs as part of a broader planning project that aims to improve community-level resilience.

- Partner with local community leaders, emergency managers, and other key stakeholders to exercise emergency operations plans to identify gaps in preparedness capabilities that affect the resilience of disadvantaged communities.
- **Housing**
 - Conduct assessments of affordable housing stock to determine investment strategies to make existing housing more resilient to all hazards, including improving accessibility of housing stock.
 - Develop a unified regional plan for upgrading existing housing stock to be more resilient to climate change and all hazards.
 - Design new programs that incentivize and enable investment in resilient and affordable housing.
 - Identify and address gaps in resilient housing for communities with disabilities and/or access and functional needs, as well as pet/animal sheltering.
- **Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction**
 - Conduct a comprehensive regional vulnerability assessment aimed at understanding the needs of disadvantaged communities and other socially vulnerable populations relative to the identified capability gap.
 - In coordination with local community leaders and other key stakeholders, analyze long-term vulnerabilities, including the predicted effects of ongoing climate change, affecting disadvantaged communities across the region, and develop a plan for mitigating those vulnerabilities.
- Allowable direct costs and use of funds across all three priorities include:
 - Planning Costs
 - Organization Costs
 - Training Costs
 - Exercises
 - Personnel (hiring, overtime, backfill expenses, including related fringe benefits to perform allowable assessment, planning, training, and exercise activities)
 - Consultants/Contractors
 - Travel
 - Conferences

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplies to support gap identification, planning, training, and exercise activities <p>Note: Equipment purchases and construction and renovation costs are not allowed under this program</p> |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis has been placed on the needs of underserved communities and vulnerable populations. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no mandatory cost share requirement, and no additional points for project scoring will be given for voluntary cost share. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-award costs are allowable only with the prior written approval of DHS/FEMA and as included in the award agreement. To request pre-award costs, a written request must be included with the application, signed by the Authorized Representative of the entity. The letter must outline what the pre-award costs are for, including a detailed budget break-out of pre-award costs from the post-award costs and a justification for approval. Award recipients may use up to 5% of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) federal award amount for M&A purposes. Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Name Phone Email: FEMA-RCPGP@fema.dhs.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying. SF-424A, Budget Information (Non-Construction). SF-424B, Standard Assurances (Non-Construction). SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. Indirect Cost Agreement or Proposal. Names of all entities partnering on the project. Letters of Support from all partner entities. |

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| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all counties and disadvantaged communities that will be involved in the project. • Recipients are required to submit various financial and programmatic reports upon award, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Financial Report (FFR) must be submitted quarterly throughout the period of performance, with the final FFR due within 120 calendar days after the end of the POP. • Performance Progress Report providing updated performance reports to FEMA Regions using a Microsoft Word document summary. • After-Action Reports/Improvement Plans must be submitted for projects that include exercise activities. • Closeout Reporting must be completed within 120 calendar days after the end period of performance for the prime award or after an amendment has been issued to close out an award before the original POP ends. • Additional Reporting Requirements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosing Information related to government-wide suspension and debarment requirements. • Reporting of matters related to recipient integrity and performance. • Single Audit Report: required of recipients that expend \$750,000 or more from all federal funding sources during their fiscal year • Monitoring and Oversight by FEMA at any reasonable time can include site visits or desk reviews to review project accomplishments and management control systems to review award progress and to provide any technical assistance. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria, totaling 130 possible points, including the bonus criterion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need (max 20 points) • The applicant must demonstrate a need for grant funds, including identifying their current capabilities and associated gaps/needs for a project to build beyond current capabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Design (max 35 points) • The applicant demonstrates an effective and sustainable project approach for building their current capability within 36 months of performance, including the specific project implementation, project management, and regional collaboration approaches. |

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- Impact (max 25 points)
- The applicant demonstrates the proposed project's regional impact, including how the project will build the applicant's capabilities, performance measures the project is expected to achieve, and how the project can be scaled or replicated to benefit national preparedness.
- Budget (max 20 points)
- The applicant demonstrates a reasonable and cost-effective budget (based on the Budget Detail Worksheet and Project Narrative), including an explanation of reasonable project costs across the requested categories, the project's relative cost-effectiveness and sustainability, and the applicant's ability to manage federal grants.
- Bonus (max 30 points) for project proposals that;
- Provide education, tools, and training for emergency managers and other key stakeholders to identify and address the emerging risks and future conditions caused by climate change and increase community-level resilience within the identified disadvantaged communities;
- Provide education, tools, and training for emergency managers and other key stakeholders to support the integration of climate change data into local planning, including hazard mitigation, emergency management, and community planning processes;
- Plan for and develop research-supported, proactive investments in community resilience.
- Support a relatively large number of disadvantaged communities based on Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) data.
- Benefit multiple states or more than one of the top 100 most-populous MSAs.
- Are submitted by a new or previously unsuccessful RCPGP applicant.
- Financial Integrity Criteria:
 - Financial Stability.
 - Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards.
 - History of Performance in managing federal award.
 - Reports and findings from audits.
 - Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed capability-building projects must be regional (spanning at least the entire MSA) and benefit multi-state or intrastate regions. • Applicants need to propose a capability-building project that is replicable and/or sustainable after the grant period of performance ends. • Recipients should plan to sustain these new capabilities in subsequent years with non-federal resources. • Applications will be evaluated using the scoring rubric mentioned above. |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Screening is conducted by FEMA to verify applicant eligibility and to ensure each application is complete. • All eligible and complete applications will progress to the review panel phase for further review. • Application Review Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Panel: Applications that pass the initial eligibility review will be reviewed and scored by a review panel comprised of personnel from FEMA headquarters and regional offices. • The review panel will score applications based on the specific criteria outlined above. • Application Selection Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All final scores will be sorted in descending order, and applicants will be selected for recommendation from the highest score to the lowest score until available funding has been exhausted. • FEMA senior leadership will review all ranked scoring results to prioritize the top-scoring applications. • The Administrator of FEMA will make final funding determinations. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 months. • Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2023. • Period of Performance End Date: September 30, 2026. |

Funding Priority: Pet Accommodation

Banfield Disaster Relief Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the Banfield Foundation's Disaster Relief Grant Program. This is a competitive grant program that seeks to provide funding to assist organizations that have been directly affected or are helping other pets or organizations in need. Funding is prioritized for immediate disaster relief.

Table 12: Banfield Disaster Relief Gant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for this program may be submitted at any time. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding amounts not specified. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Grant. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Applicants must meet the following guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It must be a nonprofit or governmental agency, such as a municipality or county animal control, with an animal welfare mission or a direct relationship with an animal welfare organization. Have been directly affected by a recent disaster or emergency situation and/or are assisting in an affected area. <p>Note: Kerr-Tar and/or individual counties would be eligible to apply if there is an already existing relationship with an animal welfare organization or a possible future relationship could be obtained.</p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant funding can be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical supplies and veterinary care treatment for pets. Pet food and pet supplies, including crates, etc. Temporary shelter or boarding costs for rescued or at-risk pets. Other immediately needed materials, including cleaning supplies, tarps, bedding, blankets, etc., to keep pets safe and comfortable. Transportation costs to rescue or relocate pets. Other expenses related to providing temporary shelter for rescued pets include overtime salaries, rental equipment or facilities, cleanup costs, etc. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement up to three months post-disaster for expenses incurred and related to the above. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Provided. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Program Contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Name • Phone • Email: grants@banfieldfoundation.org |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information about the organization, mission, and programs. • Describe the recent disaster or situation. • How has your organization been directly impacted, or if you are assisting other partners, how have they been impacted? • Describe exactly how funding will be used and how it will help your organization and/or pets in need. • How many pets will this funding impact, and how many pets total do you expect to help during this disaster? • Will you be collaborating with other organizations? If so, list their names and division of responsibilities. • List all funders for which you have received or requested funding for this project, including amounts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Budget. • Attach the total project budget and detail how exactly Banfield Foundation funding would be used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 501 c 3 Determination Letter or Letter 4076C. • Photo Attachments. • At least one uploaded photo, high-resolution preferred, that best represents this program or your organization (please ensure photo permissions allow for Banfield Foundation use). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Attachments (may include): |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Letters of recommendation from organizations with whom you collaborate or have firsthand knowledge of your organization. ➤ The current organization's yearly budget. ● Other supporting materials, including program brochures, news articles, photos of impact, etc. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not Provided. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not Provided. |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not Provided. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not Provided. |

Funding Priority: Utilities

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the U.S. Department of Energy's Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities Program. This is a competitive grant program funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that provides funding to make public schools and their vehicle fleets more energy efficient.

Note: Funding and Application cycle for FY 2023 closed in April 2023. The next round of funding for FY 2024 is anticipated to be released in the Spring of 2024.

Table 13: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities Grant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program provides \$500 million in funding throughout its 5-year duration until expended. <p>Note: Applications for the previous funding period were to be submitted by April 2023.</p> |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$500 million has been made available throughout the program's 5-year duration until expended. Funding for FY24 under this program has not yet been released. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$80,000,000 available for FY23 application period. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discretionary/Competitive. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible Applicants include consortiums of one Local Educational Agency (LEA) with one or more schools, nonprofits, for-profits/private, or community organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An LEA includes school boards, Bureau of Indian Education schools, and educational service agencies. |

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| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Use of Funds include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements, repairs, or renovations that reduce energy costs or lead to improved teacher and student health and achieve energy savings. • Infrastructure improvements that reduce building operating costs – like HVAC and ventilation systems, building envelope and lighting projects, and renewable energy technologies. • Installation of renewable energy. • Alternative fueled vehicle infrastructure. • Purchases or leases of alternative fueled vehicles or their upgrades. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritization will be given to schools that meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing funding needs. • Rurality. • Ability to leverage private-sector funding through performance contracting. • Existing economic needs as determined on several bases, including schools' free and reduced-price lunch participation. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required Cost Share/Match. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Name • Phone • Email: SchoolsFOA@doe.gov |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not yet available. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not yet available. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritization will be given to schools with improvement funding needs, rurality, and the ability to leverage private-sector funding through performance, contracting, and economic need as determined on several bases. |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not yet available. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not yet available. |

Funding to Address Air Pollution in Schools Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Grant Funding to Address Indoor Air Pollution at Schools. This is a competitive grant program funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that funds projects that address greenhouse gas emission reduction and Comprehensive Indoor Air Risk Reduction for K-12 Schools and School Districts in low-income, disadvantaged, and tribal communities to improve children's health, well-being, and educational achievement.

Table 14: Funding to Address Air Pollution in Schools Grant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be submitted by 3/19/2024 by 11:59 pm EST. Applications are submitted through Grants.gov. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total estimated funding available for award under this opportunity is approximately \$32,000,000. Funding is dependent upon Agency appropriations, funding availability, Agency priorities, and other applicable considerations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPA anticipates awarding 4-6 grants under this announcement. Awards expected to be between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000. Applicants must request a minimum of \$5,000,000 in funding. In appropriate circumstances, EPA reserves the right to partially fund applications by funding discrete portions or phases of proposed projects. |
| Grant Types | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive/Discretionary Grant Program. |

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Applicants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States (including the District of Columbia) • Local Governments • Educational Agencies • U.S. Territories and possessions • Indian Tribes • Nonprofit Organizations |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible applicants may submit only one grant application to fund activities in two or more of the four project areas listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Capacity Building: Targeting facility management staff, health officers, and key decision makers at K-12 schools and/or school districts in low-income and disadvantaged communities; activities to include • Tribal IAQ and GHG Reduction Capacity Building: Targeting facility management staff, health officers, and key decision makers at K-12 schools in Tribal communities. • IA and GHG Reduction Training and Education Campaign: For facility management staff and health officers at K-12 schools and school districts in low-income, disadvantaged, and Tribal communities, and/or the development of qualified K-12 school staff necessary to execute comprehensive IAQ and GHG Reduction Plans. • IAQ and GHG Reduction Research and Demonstration Projects: In K-12 schools located in low-income, disadvantaged, and/or Tribal communities. |
| Special Population Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and School Districts in low-income, disadvantaged, and tribal communities to improve children's health, well-being, and educational achievement. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No cost-sharing/matching funds or other leveraged resources are required as a condition of eligibility under this competition. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Program and NOFO Contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Name • Phone • Email: iaqschools@epa.gov |

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| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following forms and documents are required under this announcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance (applicants are advised to begin the SAM.gov registration process early so that they have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) prior to beginning this step). • Standard Form 424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs. • EPA Form 4700-4, Pre-Award Compliance Review Report. • EPA Form 5700-54, Key Contacts Form. • Project Narrative Attachment Form, Project Narrative. |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon being granted funding, all recipients will be required to produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed project plan for all activities/outputs and communication with the media/public prior to starting work. • Periodic progress reports and a final report will also be required. • Quarterly progress reports and a detailed final report. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on a set of Threshold Criteria as well as Review Criteria. • Threshold Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must substantially comply with the application submission instructions and requirements and must be submitted through Grants.gov. • Applications must demonstrate that they support the following elements of EPA's Strategic Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis;" Objective 11, "Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change." • Goal 2, "Take Decisive Action to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights". • Goal 4, "Ensure Clean and Health Air for All Communities;" • Applications must request EPA funds at or between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000. • Applications requesting EPA funds for permanent improvements or renovations to buildings, except for research and demonstration projects in schools, will not be reviewed. |

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- Applications must include activities under two or more of the four project areas.
- Review Criteria:
 - Project Summary and Approach (30 or 40 possible points).
- Details of every activity for which the applicant is seeking funding should be included, such as how the activities, outputs, and partnerships described throughout the application fit together to meet the goals and objectives of the grant program.
 - Environmental Results – Outcomes, Outputs, and Performance Measures (20 possible points).
- Expected Project Outputs and Outcomes (10 points): Applicants should identify the expected quantitative and qualitative outcomes and outputs of the project as defined in the NOFO.
- Performance Measures and Plan (5 points): Applicants should describe the proposed qualitative and quantitative performance measures, which will be the mechanism to track, measure, and report progress toward achieving the expected outputs and outcomes.
- Timeline and Milestones (5 points): The applicant should include a detailed timeline for the project, including milestones for specific tasks, such as bidding, procurement, installation, and reports, along with estimated dates.
 - Environmental Justice and Low-Income, Disadvantaged, and Tribal Communities (20 possible points).
- Tribal K-12 Schools (5 possible points).
- K-12 Schools in Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (5 possible points).
- Impact Assessment (5 possible points).
- Community Engagement (5 possible points).
 - Programmatic Capability and Past Performance (15 possible points).
- Past performance (5 possible points): List of up to 5 federally funded assistance agreements that the applicant is performing or has performed within the last three years.
- Reporting Requirements (5 possible points): Describe the applicant's history of meeting the reporting requirements of previous assistance agreements.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Expertise (5 possible points): Information on the applicant's organization, including the staff's knowledge, expertise, qualifications, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Sustainability (5 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Applicants should provide details on the extent to which the project results and benefits are sustainable after project completion. • Budget (105 possible points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Budget Detail (5 points): Applicants should provide a detailed breakdown by funding type included in the proper budget category for each activity requesting funds. ➢ Expenditure of Awarded Funds (5 points): Applicants should provide a detailed written description of the applicant's approach, procedures, and controls for ensuring that awarded grant funds will be expended in a timely and efficient manner. ➢ Reasonableness of Costs (5 points): EPA will evaluate the reasonableness of the applicant's budget based on the applicant's narrative description of the budget and detailed breakout of requested funding for each work component or task. • Additional Considerations in making the final funding decisions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic Priorities. • Geographic diversity of funds. • Applicant's prior experience working with K-12 schools and/or school districts and tribal entities. |
| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will first be evaluated against the threshold eligibility factors discussed above. • Only those applicants who meet all of the threshold factors will be evaluated using the applicable evaluation criteria listed above by an EPA evaluation team. • Each application will be given a numerical score and will be ranked by the review panel. • Track A applications will be ranked separately from Track B applications. • Preliminary funding recommendations will be provided to the EPA Headquarters selection official based on these reviews and rankings. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EPA Evaluation Team will make final funding decisions. • EPA Headquarters selection official plans to make selections from top-ranked applications from Track A and Track B. • Once final decisions have been made, a funding recommendation will be developed and forwarded to the EPA award official. |
| Period of Performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to five years with an estimated project start date of October 2024 |

Funding Priority: Transportation Access

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program Overview

This document provides a high-level overview of the U.S. Department of Transportation's PROTECT Grant Program. This is a competitive grant program funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that funds projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of surface transportation systems, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail.

Note: This overview was prepared based on the FY23 NOFO. Anticipated funding and deadlines for the next application period have not yet been released.

Table 15: PROTECT Gant Program Overview

| Grant Overview | Program Details |
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| Application Deadline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for the previous round of funding were to be submitted by 08/18/2023 by 11:59 pm EST through Grants.gov. |
| Funding Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For FY22/FY23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$120,000,000 is available for At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants. • Resilience, Evacuation, and Infrastructure Grants: \$500,000 minimum award. • Anticipated total of \$300 million available for FY24. |
| Grant Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary. |
| Eligible Applicants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Applicants for are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States (in or bordering on the Atlantic, Pacific, or Artic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes); • Political subdivision of a State; • Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); • Special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; • Local governments; • Indian Tribe in a State described above; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States described above; or • Multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities described above. |
| Eligible Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Statutory Eligibility Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects should address the risks from current or future weather events or natural disasters. These events include coastal flooding, coastal erosion, wave action, storm surge, or sea level change. • Projects should also reduce long-term infrastructure costs by avoiding larger future maintenance or rebuilding costs. • Project Eligibility must be shown by addressing how the project will use data or evidence that it will effectively improve resilience to current and future weather events/natural disasters as well as changing conditions. It should also validate the documentation provided demonstrating that the project can reduce long-term infrastructure costs. <p>Note: evidence can be qualitative or quantitative</p> |
| Eligible Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grant: • Activities that strengthen, stabilize, harden, elevate, relocate, or otherwise enhance the resiliency of highway and non-rail infrastructure include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges; • Roads; • Pedestrian Walkways; • Bicycle Lanes; and • Associated Infrastructure (e.g., culverts and tide gates) that will protect such highways from being subject to or potentially facing an increased long-term future risks of weather events. |
| Application Submission Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-424. • SF-424A (Budget Information – Non-Construction). • SF-424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs). • SF-424C (Budget Information – Construction). • SF-424D (Assurances for Construction Programs). • Grants.gov Lobbying Form. • SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form). • Project Narrative. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Basic Project Information – Description, Location, and Parties. ● Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses of all Project Funding. ● Merit Criteria. ● Benefit-Cost Analysis (not required; however, must demonstrate that project would reduce long-term infrastructure costs by avoiding larger future maintenance or rebuilding costs). ● Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Priority Considerations. |
| Cost Sharing Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All other grants have an 80% federal funding limit. ● MPOs may have their cost share lowered by up to 10% if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Developed a Resilience Improvement Plan. ➢ The project is prioritized on the Resilience Improvement Plan. ● 3%: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The Resilience Improvement Plan has been incorporated into the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. ● Federally recognized Indian Tribes may have their cost share waved for a 100% federal funding limit. |
| Administrative and Pre-Award Costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This grant will not reimburse "Pre-PROTECT" Discretionary Grant Program award costs. All awards will be required to adhere to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements (2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200); and ● Applicable Federal laws, rules, and regulations (Title 23, U.S.C.) and (Title 23 of the CFR). <p>Note: The NOFO has not directly addressed administrative costs beyond what is already listed about "Pre-PROTECT."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is expected that the guidance will be forthcoming in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and that management costs will be included in project budgets to be treated as indirect administrative costs and thus subject to the requirements of the Uniform Guidance (either the de minimums threshold or a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)). ● PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program and NOFO contacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact: Robert Miller, Agreement Officer ● Phone: (202) 366-9167 ● Email: PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov (preferred); Or |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact: Robin Hobbs, Agreement Officer/Team Leader • Phone: (202) 366-4004 • Email: PROTECTdiscretionary@dot.gov (preferred) |
| Reporting Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-annual progress reports; • Semi-annual SF-425 (Federal Financial Reports); • FHWA Program Evaluation; • FHWA will work with the grant recipient to establish a recommended two to four performance measures. This evaluation continues for years after program completion. |
| Selection Considerations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerability and Risk. • Criticality to Community. • Design Elements. • Public Engagement, Partnerships, and Collaboration. • Equity and Justice⁴⁰. • Climate Change and Sustainability. • Schedule and Budget. • Innovation. • All criteria are reviewed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly Recommended; • Recommended; or • Not Recommended. • For those rated Recommended or above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Analysis Review and Statutory Prioritization. • High: The project's benefits will exceed its costs with a benefit-cost ratio of at least 1.5. • Medium-High: The project's benefits will exceed its costs. • Medium: The project's benefits are likely to exceed its costs. • Medium-Low: The project's costs are likely to exceed its benefits. • Low: The project's costs will exceed its benefits. • Additional Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction readiness; and • Funding needs. |

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| Review and Selection Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Review. • Economic Analysis Review. • FHWA Senior Review Team Process and Project Selection. |

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Appendix A: Excluded from Review

The following table lists the Grant Programs that were identified as having the potential to address Emergency Sheltering Needs at first glance but were eliminated upon further review from overview creation and presentation to the COG. These programs were eliminated as the eligible uses of funds under these programs were deemed not relevant to the needs reflected in the survey responses, and/or the COG/Counties within the COG would not be eligible to apply.

Table 16: Additional Grant Programs

| Grant Program | Reason for Elimination |
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| American Humane Second Chance Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Relevant to ES Needs. |
| American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Northern Tier Shelter Initiative (NTSI) Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Carolina is not eligible. |
| Assistance for the Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Relevant to ES Needs; Deadline recently passed. |
| Banfield Veterinary Medical Equipment Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only animal welfare organizations and/or government animal service agencies are able to apply. |
| Care Knows No Boundaries Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Relevant to ES Needs; Only Veterinary Institutions eligible. |
| Community Services Block Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Relevant to ES Needs. |
| Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only families, households, and individual applicants are eligible. |
| Community Foundation Melvin Lane Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Nonprofit Organizations are eligible. |
| FY 2024 Transitional Living Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This only applies to homeless youth transitional housing initiatives. |
| Grant Funding to address Indoor Air Pollution at Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Relevant to ES Needs. |
| Green and Resilient Retrofit Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Relevant to ES Needs. |

| Grant Program | Reason for Elimination |
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| Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Relevant to ES Needs. |
| Next Generation Warning System Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is eligible to apply. |
| Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only relevant to the sheltering needs of homeless individuals and those with mental illness. |
| Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Relevant to Needs; Deadline recently passed. |
| Safe Streets for All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Relevant to ES Needs. |
| Social Services Block Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only relevant to social service needs; no ES component. |
| Volunteer Agencies or Organizations Active in or Assisting with Disasters (VOAD) Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only VOADS are eligible to apply. |
| Weatherization Assistance Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only households and families are eligible to apply. |

Appendix B: Programs with Limited Information

The following table lists the Grant Programs that were identified as a "good fit" or ideal for addressing the COG's Emergency Sheltering Needs but, upon further review, were eliminated from overview creation and presentation to the COG due to the lack of information on the program, and/or there is little to no indication of the next funding period. It should be noted that, per the Hagerty Grants Team's recommendation, the COG should monitor these programs for the release of new or additional information, as these programs were deemed to be a good fit upon the official release of Notices of Funding. The programs below are hyperlinked for ease of access/monitoring by the COG if desired.

Table 17: Grant Programs with Limited Information

| Grant Program | Notes |
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| FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Information: no indication of available funding under this program currently. |
| Cost-Effective Codes Implementation for Efficiency & Resilience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Information. Next funding period is unknown. |
| Emergency Shelter/Solution Grant Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds are no longer available; No indication of upcoming additional funding. |
| Disaster Relief Mitigation Fund 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Information: Anticipated to open on June 28, 2024, and closes on July 30, 2024. Note: A previous award was made to Wesley Shelter for general Shelter operating support activities. <p>Note: Recommend Kerr-Tar to monitor this program for additional information release.</p> |

Appendix C: Acronyms

Table 18: Acronyms

| Acronym | Term |
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| ADA | Americans with Disabilities Act |
| ARC | American Red Cross |
| ASPCA | American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals |
| BCA | Benefit-Cost Analysis |
| BIPOC | Black, Latino, Indigenous, and other persons of color |
| BRIC | Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities |
| CAA | Consolidated Appropriations |
| CBCG | Capacity Building Competitive Grant |
| CEJST | Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| COG | Council of Governments |
| DHS/FEMA | Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| EMAC | Emergency Management Assistance Compact |
| EMPG | Emergency Management Performance Grant |
| EOC | Emergency Operation Center |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| ES | Emergency Shelter |
| ESG | Emergency Solutions Grants Program |
| EST | Eastern Standard Time |

| Acronym | Term |
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| FAPIS | Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System |
| FAQ | Frequently Asked Questions |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| FFR | Federal Financial Report |
| FHWA | Federal Highway Administration |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gases |
| HMIS | Homeless Management Information System |
| HUD | Department of Housing and Urban Development |
| HVAC | Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning |
| IAQ | Indoor Air Quality |
| IBC | International Building Code |
| IIJA | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act |
| IRA | Inflation Reduction Act |
| IRC | International Residential Code |
| IRS | Internal Revenue Service |
| IT | Information Technology |
| LCGTQIA | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (or Questioning), Intersex, and Asexual |
| LEA | Local Education Agency |
| M&A | Mergers & Acquisitions |
| MPG | Miles Per Gallon |

| Acronym | Term |
|---------|--|
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| MSA | Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| NC | North Carolina |
| NCAC | North Carolina Administrative Code |
| NCEM | North Carolina Emergency Management |
| ND | Non-Disaster |
| NICRA | Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement |
| NIMS | National Incident Management System |
| NOFO | Notice of Funding Opportunity |
| NPS | National Preparedness System |
| NTSI | Northern Tier Shelter Initiative |
| PATH | Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness |
| POP | Period of Performance |
| PROTECT | Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation |
| RA | Regional Administrator |
| RAISE | Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity |
| RCPGP | Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program |
| RD | Rural Development |
| SAA | State Administrative Agency |
| UEI | Unique Entity Identifier |
| USDA | United States Department of Agriculture |

| Acronym | Term |
|---------|---|
| VOAD | Volunteer Agencies or Organizations Active in or Assisting with Disasters |