



GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

ELIGIBILITY

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

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

A listing of the EMPG funding allocations for which each state and territory are eligible to apply may be found on page 7 of the [EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

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

FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ALLOWABLE COSTS

DHS/FEMA has identified the following priority areas for this program: logistics planning; evacuation planning; disaster financial management; catastrophic disaster housing; **resilient communications**; and implementation of community lifelines.

There are 21 allowable equipment categories listed on the [Authorized Equipment List](#). These include, among other things, Interoperable Communications Equipment, Information Technology (e.g., computer-aided dispatch systems, software for data gathering and analysis, artificial intelligence tools), Cybersecurity Enhancement Equipment, Terrorism Incident Prevention Equipment (e.g., law enforcement surveillance equipment), and Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (e.g., video surveillance, warning, and access control).

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

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

Prohibitions on Expending Grant Funds for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment: Effective August 13, 2020, DHS/FEMA grant recipients and subrecipients may not use grant funds provided in FY2020 or previous years for certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment produced by certain Chinese companies identified by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019. For more information see pages 17-18 of the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The SAA must submit the full application by **April 15, 2020**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their initial application in Grants.gov at least seven days before this deadline.

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

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS OFFERS A PROVEN BASIS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

We offer a wide range of solutions to promote safety and security, increase operational efficiency and connect officers to help create safer cities and thriving communities, including:

- **Interoperable Two-Way Radios and Networks** — Enable or augment communications with Project 25-compliant, mission critical-grade infrastructure to provide expanded coverage, reliability, capacity and security for emergency responders. Mobile and portable radios are designed specifically for the needs of first responders and provide interoperability on Project 25 networks, legacy Smartnet/Smartzone or conventional networks, and across multiple frequency bands for unparalleled interoperability through a single device. Connectivity between disparate or neighboring standalone communications networks can be achieved via IP-based gateways, consolidated P25 networks or hosted cloud solutions.
- **Public Safety LTE** — The LEX L11 Mission Critical LTE Device is designed with first responders in mind. Every feature and function is thoughtfully considered, from the rugged, easy to operate design to the always loud and clear audio to the advanced end-to-end secure mobile platform and the enhanced accessibility provided by a suite of accessories. Chiefs who may not be on the front lines can use the LEX L11 to stay in touch using instant push-to-talk. Rugged and durable yet streamlined and slim, you can count on the LEX L11 to perform when it's needed most.
- **CommandCentral Software** — CommandCentral is an end-to-end software suite that provides users with a unified, intuitive experience and intelligent capabilities designed specifically for the needs of public safety and schools. It includes integrated call handling, command and control and records and evidence solutions.

- **Dispatch Solutions** — Computer-aided dispatch solutions enhance incident management by automating workflows and data retrieval from the PSAP to the field. Coordinate your team with a seamless flow of information from the moment a call comes in, to when responders arrive - enabling the quickest, safest response.
- **WAVE Work Group Communications** — Create simple, secure, and reliable Push-To-Talk communications between radios and devices outside the radio system, such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops.
- **Video Security & Analytics** — Avigilon, a Motorola Solutions company, offers advanced video security and analytics solutions, from high-definition cameras to artificial intelligence and machine learning software.
- **Body-Worn and In-Car Cameras** — WatchGuard, part of Motorola Solutions, provides mobile video solutions for law enforcement, supplying in-car video systems and body-worn cameras along with evidence management software to approximately one-third of all law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada.
- **License Plate Recognition (LPR)** — Vigilant Solutions, part of Motorola Solutions, offers an LPR platform with powerful analytics that help complete the investigative triangle of person, plate and location. All of the data and analytics received from LPR detections across the nation are stored in Vigilant's Cloud, LEARN, to help law enforcement develop leads and close cases.
- **Managed Services** — Build an emergency management program to monitor and resolve threats to system performance so your teams can do their job effectively and you can have peace of mind.

HOW TO APPLY

The initial submission to determine eligibility should be made through www.grants.gov. The full application package should be submitted via the Non-Disaster Grants System at <https://portal.fema.gov>

Applicants should refer to the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for more information on submitting an application. This Manual includes a template for the Work Plan required for EMPG applications as well as Supplemental Emergency Communications Guidance.

Other program documents, including FAQs, may be found [here](#).

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

WE CAN HELP YOU

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

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

Visit our [disaster preparedness](#) site for more information.

