



Grant Guide

Grants to Support Emergency & Disaster Prep Projects

This guide identifies potential funding opportunities to support emergency & disaster prep projects. The grants chosen for inclusion in this guide are opportunities that are typically reoccurring. Past funding opportunities that seemed relevant but presented no indication of being funded in the future were not included.

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Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

FY 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants

Grant Overview

AmeriCorps State and National Grants support projects that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions /practices to strengthen communities. Eligible applicants are Native American/Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, non-profit organizations, State Service Commissions, states, and US territories.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$444 million	350

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Match: Varies by award type

Solicitation date: August 18, 2023

Proposal due: January 4, 2024

- Applicants may propose any program start date that aligns with their program design. The period of performance may not be before July 1, 2024.

<https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2024-ameri-corps-state-national-grants>



Awardee Profile

Reading Partners
Dallas, TX

AMOUNT: \$919,972

YEAR: 2023

Reading Partners received \$919,972 to provide AmeriCorps volunteers across 12 regions that engaged in one-on-one tutoring with students who were working to boost their literacy skills.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

FY 2024 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions/practices to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

AmeriCorps' priorities for this funding opportunity are:

- Organizations leading service in communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, tribal communities, and those organizations serving historically underrepresented and underserved individuals, including but not limited to communities of color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, people who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, people with arrest and/or conviction records, and religious minorities;
- Evidence-based interventions on the AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange that are assessed as having Moderate or Strong evidence. Please note that many of these interventions have demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes for individuals living in underserved communities and that the agency has committed resources to supporting grantees seeking to replicate and evaluate these interventions in similar communities;
- Veterans and Military Families, Caregivers, and Survivors – a program model that improves the quality of life of veterans and improves the well-being of military and veteran families, caregivers, and survivors;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Programs that provide additional benefits to AmeriCorps members aimed at enhancing member experience and bolstering member recruitment and retention such as paying more than the minimum living allowance, transportation, housing, food, etc.;
- Programs that create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members, including deliberate training, certifications, and hiring preferences or support;
- Environmental Stewardship, including supporting communities to become more resilient through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve land and water, increase renewable energy use and improve at-risk ecosystems, especially in underserved households and communities;
- Community-based programs that enhance and expand services to second chance youth and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members;
- Programs that support civic bridgebuilding programs and projects to reduce polarization and community divisions; and providing training in civic bridgebuilding skills and techniques to AmeriCorps members;

- Programs focused on implementing or expanding access to high-quality early learning and those that prepare AmeriCorps members to enter early learning careers.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes and must include a high-quality program design. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Native American/Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, non-profit organizations, State Service Commissions, states, and US territories.

AmeriCorps encourages organizations that have not received prior funding from AmeriCorps to apply (e.g., small community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.). New applicants are eligible to apply for Cost Reimbursement and Education Award Program (EAP) grants but are not eligible to apply for Full Cost Fixed Amount grants.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program. Awards will be provided on a fixed-amount or cost-reimbursement basis. Applicants are limited to one award type per project in any fiscal year.

AmeriCorps anticipates making three-year grant awards. AmeriCorps generally makes an initial award for the first year of the period of performance, based on a one-year budget. Applicants must submit a one-year budget. Continuation awards for subsequent years are not guaranteed; they depend upon availability of future appropriations and satisfactory performance. For fully funded awards (those who have received more than one year of funding), those funds are guaranteed.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no matching requirements for fixed-amount awards; however, awards will not cover all project costs.

Fixed-amount award recipients must therefore raise the additional revenue required to operate the program. For cost-reimbursement awards, first-time applicants must provide matching funds of 24 percent for the first three-year period. Beginning in the fourth year, matching requirements will be incrementally increased to 50 percent by the tenth year. The living allowance or salary provided to AmeriCorps members in Professional Corps programs does not count toward the matching requirement. Applicants located in a rural county or economically distressed community may request a matching requirement limited to 35 percent, rather than 50 percent.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. Eligible applicants are units of local governments representing communities located in an area with a risk of wildfires; Indian Tribes; non-profit organizations including homeowner associations that assist such communities; state forestry agencies (including U.S. territories and interests); and Alaska Native Corporations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023 (March)	\$197,000,000	100

Key Information and Tips

- Total Funding:** Up to \$250,000,000
- Award Range:** Varies
- Match:** Varies
- Solicitation date:** July 31, 2023
- Proposal due:** October 31, 2023

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>



Awardee Profile

Tuolumne County, Tuolumne County Community Wildfire Defense Project

YEAR: 2023

AWARD AMOUNT: \$10 million

This program will provide funding for defensible space work on approximately 1,290 homes, roadside vegetation management on approx. twenty-three miles of road and outreach to create additional Firewise Communities and other fire adaptive cohorts within at-risk and low-income communities.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: U.S. Forest Service

FY 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. This program prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, or have been impacted by a severe disaster that affects the risk of wildfire.

There are two primary project types for which the grant provides funding:

- The development and revising of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)
- The implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Are located in an area identified as having a high or very high wildfire hazard potential;
- Benefit a low-income community; or
- Are located in a community impacted by a severe disaster within the previous 10 years which increased wildfire risk and/or hazard.

The CWDG also helps communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#) (Cohesive Strategy):

- **Resilient Landscapes:** Landscapes, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries, are resilient to fire, insect, disease, invasive species, and climate change disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.
- **Fire Adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure are as prepared as possible to receive, respond to, and recover from wildland fire.
- **Safe, Effective, Risk-based Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are units of local governments representing communities located in an area with a risk of wildfires; Indian Tribes; non-profit organizations including homeowner associations that assist such communities; state forestry agencies (including U.S. territories and interests); and Alaska Native Corporations.

Eligible applicants may apply for grant funding for a project proposal to be conducted on lands with the following ownership types, provided the project proposal directly reduces wildfire risk to a community:

- Private lands,

- Local governments,
- Homeowner associations,
- State government, and
- Tribal/Alaska native corporation (includes Trust lands).

Funding

In FY 2023, up to \$250,000,000 is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program. Award amounts will vary according to project type, as follows:

- Development or revision of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP): awards of up to \$250,000
- Implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old: awards of up to \$10 million

Matching and Cost Share

The program has differing levels of non-federal match dependent upon the proposal for which is being applied. For proposals to develop or update a CWPP, the required match is 10%. For proposals to plan and/or implement projects described within a CWPP, the required match is 25%.

Communities meeting the definition of underserved, Indian Tribes, ANCs, and Pacific Islands may request a waiver of match.

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>



Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

FY 2023 NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to catalyze equitable adaptation through regional scale collaboration and implementation of adaptation actions that will reduce future damage from weather and climate impacts. Eligible applicants are coastal states, territories, or tribes; counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a coastal state or territory, including special purpose units of government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; the District of Columbia; institutions of higher education; and non-profit organizations or associations, including those acting in cooperation with a state, tribal, local or territorial government; regional councils of government and regional planning councils.

Program History:

This is a new program through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$575 million

Award Range: Varies

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: June 20, 2023

Due date: August 21, 2023 (Letter of Intent), February 13, 2024 (Full Application)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=348810>



Tips

- Pre-award costs are negotiable under this program.
- The funding agency strongly encourages new collaboratives to form and apply to this Challenge.
- Proposals for large scale actions that provide significant impact are encouraged; however, 'demonstration' or 'pilots' are also eligible.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

FY 2023 NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to catalyze equitable adaptation through regional scale collaboration and implementation of adaptation actions that will reduce future damage from weather and climate impacts. This program will also provide a unique opportunity to build enduring capacity for adaptation in coastal areas, including marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities.

Adaptation actions supported by this funding will contribute to the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Promoting Equitable Access to Nature in Nature-Deprived Communities, which seeks to support locally led conservation and park projects in nature-deprived communities. The funding agency will partner with award recipients to provide technical assistance (e.g., scientific expertise, knowledge of coastal resource management, technical and training capabilities) in support of these regional efforts and to help ensure lasting progress toward equitable resilience and adaptation.

This program includes two tracks:

Track One: Regional Collaborative Building and Strategy Development: This funding supports the development and operation of regional collaboratives to generate transformational resilience and adaptation strategies for coastal communities, including those that have been marginalized, underserved, or underrepresented. This funding track will meet communities where they are in the adaptation process, advance equitable resilience, adaptation planning and partnership building, and establish more entities with local capacity for implementing future on-the-ground resilience and adaptation actions. Track One funding, combined with technical assistance from the funding agency, will allow successful applicants to plan for holistic resilience and adaptation investments, initiatives and policies, and build enduring capacity for future adaptation efforts.

For the purposes of this program, regional collaboratives are defined as groups comprised of collaborators and partners that are unified by a common vision for how to significantly increase the resilience of their region, are led by or include locally-oriented institutions and governments, and share adjacent and/or overlapping geographical interests or administrative boundaries or benefit from the same natural, social, economic, and/or infrastructure systems.

Track One funding can be used for the following:

- Establishing and expanding durable regional partnerships, including organizational development of a regional collaborative, identification of strategies and actions, and strategic planning;
- Conducting outreach and communication activities related to regional resilience and adaptation;
- Convening inclusive and accessible engagement activities to enhance the breadth of the collaborative teams, especially with marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities;

- Analyzing risk, vulnerability and adaptation actions for the region and conducting related assessments;
- Planning for the implementation of equitable resilience and adaptation actions, including integration with other planning efforts;
- Undertaking environmental and engineering reviews needed to support future resilience and adaptation actions;
- Developing and implementing laws, regulations, and policies related to resilience and adaptation actions;
- Identifying and pursuing funding and financing options for resilience and adaptation actions
- Identifying the workforce requirements to implement resilience and adaptation actions into the future;
- Developing and implementing training and capacity building for resilience and adaptation in coastal communities, especially for marginalized, underserved, and underrepresented communities;
- Designing, planning, and implementing performance management and evaluation activities related to the collaborative partnerships; or
- Pursuing other activities essential to moving forward with regional coastal resilience and adaptation activities.

Track Two: Implementation of Resilience and Adaptation Actions: this funding supports transformational resilience and adaptation actions that are ready for implementation and will greatly and measurably reduce risk and vulnerability in coastal areas while advancing equity. This funding track supports implementation of a suite of complementary resilience and adaptation actions that:

- Extend benefits beyond the boundaries of one town and avoid detrimental consequences for others (e.g. stormwater improvements that reduce coastal erosion in one community but increase flooding in another);
- Are holistic and provide co-benefits (e.g., a system of nature-based installations that protect multiple communities and provide open space and access to nature); and
- Provide equitable outcomes that benefit the entire community, including marginalized, underserved, or underrepresented residents

This funding, combined with technical assistance from the funding agency, will enable successful applicants to implement resilience and adaptation actions that provide measurable risk reduction outcomes and support related initiatives and policies, while building enduring capacity for future adaptation efforts.

Example activities for Track Two include:

- Planning (including design and permitting) and construction of natural infrastructure that reduces weather and climate impacts
- Acquiring land to reduce the impacts of weather and climate and to protect coastal habitats and human communities
- Strengthening or protecting public access to ocean and coastal resources and related activities, including working waterfronts
- Pursuing new or updated outreach and risk communication efforts
- Planning, designing, or preparing for implementation of community-led relocation efforts
- Advancing state/tribal/local standards, policies, and codes to build resilience

- Acquiring coastal data and developing decision support tools to inform resilience and adaptation measures
- Pursuing hybrid green (natural) and gray (structural) projects, including modifying public infrastructure to deliver multiple benefits and significant positive impact for the long-term
- Establishing resilience hub(s) that use pre-existing facilities to support residents and coordinate resource distribution and services before, during, or after a natural hazard event
- Development and implementation of performance measurement, monitoring, evaluation, and/or reporting mechanisms
- Efforts that support relevant workforce needs
- Activities under Track One that support the implementation of adaptation actions

All applicants must identify the geographic region that they propose to serve for the purposes of this competition. The geographic region must be located within one or more coastal states or territories as defined in the Coastal Zone Management Act and should be of a size and scope to be able to demonstrate, with the amount of funding available from NOAA, significant, tangible resilience and adaptation outcomes that benefit the identified region and local coastal communities.

The funding agency encourages applications that benefit tribal lands and/or tribal priorities, and a region may be made up of or include tribal lands. A region may include lands governed by multiple Tribes within a single compact area, such as a watershed. Alternatively, a region may include multiple parts of geographically connected states or tribal lands facing similar weather and climate impacts. Specified regions should be of a size and scope to facilitate the implementation of resilience and adaptation actions and ensure benefits at the community level.

Proposals for large scale actions that provide significant impact are encouraged; however, 'demonstration' or 'pilots' are also eligible. If a 'demonstration' or 'pilot' scale effort is proposed, applicants should describe the need for the effort, expected positive benefits, and the steps to be taken to transfer knowledge and experience within and outside the region.

All construction activities must be located on publicly owned land, tribal land, or land where a public entity holds a lease or easement which shall, at a minimum, be for the expected life of the project.

All proposed land acquisitions must provide resilience and adaptation benefits to a coastal community. Resilience and adaptation benefits include reducing damages from weather and climate impacts or avoiding future losses caused by conversion of land from its natural, undeveloped, or recreational state to other uses.

All proposals should focus on regional efforts that:

- Provide local and regional co-benefits (e.g., reducing risk and improving public health, advancing equitable adaptation actions and increasing access to open space);
- Advance equity through meaningful community involvement in the identification and implementation of holistic resilience and adaptation strategies and actions; and
- Contribute to enduring capacity for adaptation in the region.

All proposals should demonstrate collaboration between relevant entities in the specified region and build upon previous and ongoing efforts related to achieving resilience within the specified region, where such activities exist. Successful proposals will leverage scientific information, indigenous knowledge, and local knowledge and technical skills that are distributed across a diverse group of organizations and sectors, including NOAA and other federal, state, tribal and local government agencies.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are coastal states, territories, or tribes; counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a coastal state or territory, including special purpose units of government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; the District of Columbia; institutions of higher education; and non-profit organizations or associations, including those acting in cooperation with a state, tribal, local or territorial government; regional councils of government and regional planning councils.

Coastal states are defined in the Coastal Zone Management Act as any state of the United States in, or bordering on, the Atlantic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, Long Island Sound, or one or more of the Great Lakes, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and former Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands including Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau.

Collaboratives teams must identify a lead entity to submit an application (i.e., the funding recipient, who is the non-federal entity that receives a federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency). The lead entity is responsible for the award as a whole, including monitoring, reporting, and communicating progress to the funding agency.

International non-governmental organizations are eligible to participate as funded or unfunded partners in the collaborative if they are conducting projects in one or more of the eligible coastal states and territories.

For-profit organizations may participate as contractors, subrecipients if applicable, or through other arrangements pertinent to the project that do not involve the transfer of funds.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$575 million is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program. Funding will be allocated by track as follows:

- Total funding for all **Track One** awards is anticipated to be up to \$25 million. The funding agency will not accept applications requesting less than \$500,000 or more than \$2,000,000 in federal funds from Track One under this solicitation.
- Total funding for all **Track Two** awards is up to approximately \$550 million. The funding agency anticipates receiving applications requesting not less than \$15,000,000 and not more than \$75,000,000 in federal funds for investments that will result in significant resilience and adaptation actions in the region.

Applicants may submit applications covering up to a 60-month period with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There is no non-federal matching requirement for this funding. However, applicants are encouraged to leverage funding with other funds or in-kind contributions from a broad range of other public and private funding sources.

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<https://coast.noaa.gov/funding/ira/resilience-challenge/>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2023 Economic Development Administration: Disaster Supplemental Program

Grant Overview

This program will promote innovation and competitiveness and prepare U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Awards will be provided for investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona, and of wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022. Eligible applicants are district organizations of economic development districts (EDDs) designated by the funding agency; Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2018	\$194,050,554	90

Key Information

Total Funding: \$483 million
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: April 24, 2023
Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental>



Awardee Profile

City of Harrison, AR

AMOUNT: \$1,660,000

YEAR: 2018

The City of Harrison received funding to repair critical infrastructure damaged by severe storms, tornadoes, straight line winds, and flooding.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: Economic Developmental Administration

FY 2023 Economic Development Administration: Disaster Supplemental Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to promote innovation and competitiveness and prepare U.S. regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Awards will be provided for investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona, and of wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022. The program is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders, including those seeking assistance recovering from federally declared disasters. Awards will be provided to assist a wide variety of activities related to disaster recovery, including economic recovery strategic planning grants and public works construction assistance.

Program support is intended to be a flexible resource that responds adaptively to pressing economic issues and is well-suited to help address challenges faced by regions recovering from natural disasters. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Construction or upgrading of public infrastructure, including broadband infrastructure
- Workforce development, including the design and implementation of sectoral partnerships
- Activities necessary to strengthen cluster acceleration and expansion
- Capitalization or recapitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs)
- Development and implementation of long-term disaster recovery and resiliency plans, including capacity building
- Enhancement of infrastructure to make it more resilient to natural disasters
- Development or expansion of commercialization and proof of concept centers
- Procurement of equipment for workforce training programs
- Market or industry research and analysis for larger economic development projects
- Creation or expansion of foreign direct investment, trade, or export initiatives
- Economic development projects that enhance density in the vicinity of other economic development
- Strategy grants to develop, update, or refine a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)
- Development of projects that provide technical assistance to enhance the capacity of key economic development actors in the region to promote the region's locally owned strategies

The funding agency encourages projects based on long-term, regionally oriented, coordinated, and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resilience, and will regard applications that are substantively supported by such strategies as more competitive.

Projects must clearly incorporate principles for enhancing the resilience of the relevant community/region or demonstrate the integration of resilience principles into the investment project itself. In addition, projects must be consistent with the region's current CEDS, or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent funding agency-accepted regional economic development strategy meeting the agency's CEDS or strategy requirements.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of economic development districts (EDDs) designated by the funding agency; Indian tribes or consortia of tribes; states, counties, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Eligibility is limited to entities addressing economic challenges in areas where a presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as a result of Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona, and of wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2021 and 2022. Eligible areas to receive funding can be found online [here](#).

Construction projects, including design and engineering projects, must be located within an eligible county. In general, non-construction projects must primarily benefit an eligible county, and stakeholders representing the county must be directly engaged in the project. Non-construction projects to develop, update, or refine a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) may include ineligible areas of an EDD when a majority of the counties are otherwise eligible under this program.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$483 million is available to support between an anticipated 100 and 150 grants or cooperative agreements through this program.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

- [Atlanta regional office](#): \$160 million
- [Austin regional office](#): \$110 million
- [Chicago regional office](#): \$18 million
- [Denver regional office](#): \$57 million
- [Philadelphia regional office](#): \$103 million
- [Seattle regional office](#): \$35 million

In general, applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the approved project cost via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, based on project scale, extent of the disaster's impact, total project cost, a community's relative distress, or geographic distribution of funds, the funding agency may require a greater matching share from certain applicants. The required match may be completely waived on a case-by-case basis for applicants that exhausted their effective taxing or borrowing capacity or meet other thresholds for elevated need. In addition, the required match may be waived for applicants that are Indian tribes.

Disaster and economic recovery strategy projects may typically span between 12 and 18 months, with extensions considered on a case-by-case basis. Implementation projects involving construction of facilities and infrastructure are generally expected to span between 12 and 48 months.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate regional office listed online [here](#).

<https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery/supplemental>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

FY 2023 Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support transformational habitat restoration projects that restore marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystems, using approaches that enhance community and ecosystem resilience to climate hazards. Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and tribal governments. Applicants must propose work in coastal, marine, or estuarine areas that benefit species or fisheries outlined within the program priorities.

Program History

This is a new program funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$240 million

Award Range: \$1 million - \$25 million

Match: Strongly encouraged

Solicitation date: August 15, 2023

Application due: November 17, 2023

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/grant/transformational-habitat-restoration-and-coastal-resilience-grants>



Tips

- Projects that are most responsive to the program priorities and are more transformative (i.e., have higher positive impact) will be more competitive.
- Proposals that include on-the-ground implementation will be given priority compared to those that include only pre-implementation activities.
- Applicants are encouraged to use the information available through CEJST and other relevant tools.
- The program is covered under the Justice40 Initiative

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

FY 2023 Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support transformational habitat restoration projects that restore marine, estuarine, coastal, or Great Lakes ecosystems, using approaches that enhance community and ecosystem resilience to climate hazards. Funding will prioritize habitat restoration actions that: demonstrate significant impacts; rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries; contribute to the recovery and conservation of threatened and endangered species; promote resilient ecosystems, especially in tribal or underserved communities; and improve economic vitality, including local employment.

This funding opportunity will invest in transformational projects that have the greatest potential to provide holistic benefits, through habitat-based approaches that strengthen both ecosystem and community resilience. Examples of habitat restoration projects that are transformational at a regional or national scale include, but are not limited to:

- projects that provide significant benefits for ecosystems and community resilience;
- projects that catalyze broad initiatives or partnerships;
- large-scale projects;
- innovative projects, which may include new techniques for restoration;
- and projects that connect to or build upon other restoration or resilience work in a watershed.

Applicants should address the following set of program priorities:

- sustaining productive fisheries and strengthening ecosystem resilience;
- enhancing community resilience to climate hazards and providing other co-benefits;
- fostering regionally important habitat restoration; and
- providing benefits to tribal, indigenous, and/or underserved communities, including through partnerships.

Projects that are most responsive to the program priorities and are more transformative will be more competitive, by providing important and lasting changes that make a difference for coastal communities and ecosystems.

Proposals may include the following types of project phases: planning and assessments; feasibility studies; engineering design and permitting; on-the-ground implementation; pre- and/or post-implementation monitoring; or any combination of phases thereof. Proposals may also include capacity-building and stakeholder engagement to support the proposed restoration. Applicants proposing pre-implementation activities should demonstrate how these efforts will support or catalyze subsequent on-the-ground restoration.

Proposals that include on-the-ground implementation will be given priority compared to those that include only pre-implementation activities. Proposals that include multiple sites should demonstrate how projects collectively contribute to the priorities within the same geographic area or watershed, and applicants should demonstrate the capacity to manage concurrent habitat restoration projects over multiple years.

The funding agency encourages applicants to include and demonstrate principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility through proactive, meaningful, and equitable community engagement in the identification, design, and/or implementation of proposed projects. It also encourages applicants to propose projects with benefits to tribal, indigenous, and/or underserved communities, and projects that appropriately consider and elevate local or indigenous knowledge in project design, implementation, and evaluation.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, non-profits, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and tribal governments. Applications from federal agencies or employees of federal agencies will not be considered. Federal agencies and employees are not allowed to receive funds under this solicitation but may serve as collaborative project partners. Foreign entities can participate as partners (contractors, sub-recipients, or informal collaborators) of a prime recipient based in the U.S.

Applicants must propose work in coastal, marine, or estuarine areas that benefit species or fisheries outlined within the program priorities. Eligible applicants for Great Lakes projects must propose work within one of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states (New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota). Applications that propose projects in the Commonwealth and Territories of the United States, for this solicitation defined as American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, are also eligible.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$240 million is expected to be available to support an unspecified number of awards ranging from \$1 million to \$25 million over the entire award period. Typical federal funding for awards will range from approximately \$3 million to \$6 million. NOAA expects that only habitat restoration projects with significant ecological impacts, credible and detailed cost estimates, and construction readiness will be awarded the maximum allowable request (\$25 million).

NOAA encourages and anticipates a period of performance of up to three years, with the potential for up to five years, if necessary. The earliest anticipated start date for awards will be October 1, 2024. Both federal and non-federal match pre-award costs, incurred up to 90 days prior to the award start date, may be requested and will be considered during pre-award negotiations between the applicant and NOAA.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to combine NOAA federal funding with formal matching contributions or informal leverage from a broad range of sources in the public and private sectors.

Cost sharing and leveraged funds are an element considered in the evaluation criteria.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Grid Deployment Office

FY 2022/2023 BIL– Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP): Grid Resilience (Section 40101(c))

Grant Overview

The Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program (GRIP) is a combination of three individual Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act programs combined under one application. The three programs that encompass GRIP are the competitive Grid Resilience Grants (40101c), the Smart Grid Grants (40107), and Grid Innovation Program (40103b). This overview focuses on the Grid Resilience Grants, also known as [Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid/Hazard Hardening Program](#).

Program History

The GRIP program is newly created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$918 million

Award Range: Either the total of the applicant's last three years of resilience investments or \$100 million, whichever is lower

Match: 50%

Match for Small Utility: An eligible entity that sells not more than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year is only required to match 1/3 of the grant

Solicitation date: November 18, 2022

Proposal due: December 16, 2022 (Concept Paper), April 6, 2023 (Full Application)



Tips

- Applicants must be registered in System for Awards Management and Grants.gov to submit an application
- Pre-award expenditures can be requested but are not guaranteed to be reimbursed by DOE
- Applicants must submit a report detailing past 3 year, current, and future 3 year efforts to reduce the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events
- Applicants must submit a Community Benefits Plan

Department: U.S. Department of Energy

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Detailed Summary

This program supports activities that reduce the likelihood and consequence of impacts to the electric grid due to extreme weather, wildfire, and natural disaster. The statutory language requires prioritization of projects that will generate the greatest regional or community benefit (whether rural or urban) in reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events. DOE is seeking projects that address comprehensive transformational transmission and distribution technology solutions that will mitigate one or multiple hazards across a region or within a community, including but not limited to wildfires, floods, hurricanes, extreme heat, extreme cold, storms, and any other event that can cause a disruption to the power system. Applicants should align proposed grid resilience and grid hardening investments with broader State, Tribal, or regional resilience or energy security plans. DOE is particularly interested in applications for adaptive storage deployment, microgrid deployment, and the undergrounding of distribution and transmission lines.

Consistent with the broader overall objectives of the GRIP programs, projects in this area should demonstrate that they provide significant economic and justice benefits to communities, can leverage capital investment, and lead to repeatable solutions for other entities. DOE will prioritize applications that address community transformation or the ability to leverage capital investments.

There are a broad range of activities, technologies, equipment, and hardening measures to reduce the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events that eligible for funding, which include:

- weatherization technologies and equipment;
- fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems;
- monitoring and control technologies;
- the undergrounding of electrical equipment;
- utility pole management;
- the relocation of power lines or the reconductoring of power lines with low-sag advanced conductors;
- vegetation and fuel-load management;
- the use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including—
 - microgrids; and
 - battery-storage subcomponents;
- adaptive protection technologies;
- advanced modeling technologies;
- hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, of other systems; and
- the replacement of old overhead conductors and underground cables

The following activities are NOT eligible for funding: construction of a new - electric generating facility or large-scale battery-storage facility that is not used for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events; or cybersecurity.

The Buy America requirements of the BIL do not apply to DOE projects in which the prime recipient is a for-profit entity; the requirements only apply to projects whose prime recipient is a “non-Federal entity,” e.g., a State, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education, or nonprofit organization.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include electric grid operators; electricity generators; electricity storage operators; transmission owners or operators; distribution providers; and fuel suppliers. As appropriate, ensuring that the state, Tribe or territory is engaged in the approach is important. The expectation of the Department is that regulatory stakeholders will be engaged in this process to ensure cost recovery of the concepts are achieved.

Funding

In FY 2022 and FY 2023, approximately \$918 million in funding is available to support an estimated 10 awards of up to \$100 million or the total of the applicant’s last three years of resilience investments, whichever is lower. Approximately 3 of the awards and 30 percent of funding will be reserved for small utilities that sell no more than 4,000,000 MWh of electricity per year. Entities seeking funding under the small utility set aside must demonstrate their eligibility by submitting their total retail electricity sales to ultimate customers as reported to the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on Form 861 for the last reporting year. In addition to submission of the Form 861, small utility applications must include a Project Description and Assurances Document.

The general cost share requirement for this program is 50 percent of the total project’s costs; however, small utilities are only required to provide a 1/3 match. The project period is 60 months.

Contact Information

All questions and answers related to this program will be posted on the FedConnect portal at: <https://www.FedConnect.net>. DOE will attempt to respond to a question within 3 business days unless a similar question and answer has already been posted on the website.

[Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid/Hazard Hardening Program.](#)

Application Content

Concept Paper

Section	Page Limit	Description
Cover Page	1 page	The cover page should include the project title, the specific grant program being addressed, both the technical and business points of contact, names of all team member organizations, the project location(s), and any statements regarding confidentiality.
Project and/or Technology Description	12 pages	<p>Applicants are required to describe succinctly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the project addresses the grant program’s eligible uses and technical approaches • How the project supports State, local, Tribal, community and regional resilience, in reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events, decarbonization, or other energy strategies and plans. • The grid-benefitting outcomes to be delivered by the project. • The impact of the project to reduce innovative technology risk; achieve further deployment at-scale to; and lead to additional private sector investments. • The impact that DOE funding would have on the proposed project. • The readiness, viability, and expected timing of the project.
Community Benefits Plan	5 pages	<p>Applicants are required to describe succinctly the approach to be taken with the Community Benefits Plan, addressing the four core elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and labor engagement leading to negotiated agreements • Investing in job quality and workforce continuity • Advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility • Contributing to the Justice40 Initiative goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain climate and clean energy investments flow to disadvantaged communities
Addendum A	5 pages	<p>Applicants are required to describe succinctly the qualifications, experience, and capabilities of the proposed Project Team, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the Project Manager and Project Team have the skill and expertise needed to successfully execute the project plan • Whether the applicant has prior experience which demonstrates an ability to perform tasks of similar risk and complexity • Whether the applicant has worked together with its teaming partners on prior projects or programs; and • Whether the applicant has adequate access to equipment and facilities necessary to accomplish the effort and/or clearly explain how it intends to obtain access to the necessary equipment and facilities. • Applicants may provide graphs, charts, or other data to supplement their Project and/or Technology Description.

Addendum B	Applicants who are small utilities applying to Grid Resilience (Section 40101(c)) projects must submit the EIA Form 861 for the last reporting year showing the total retail electricity sales to ultimate customers to ensure status as a small utility.
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Full Application

Component	Page Limit
SF-424	N/A
Project/Performance Site Location(s)	N/A
Technical Volume (more information below)	25 pages
Resume	2 pages each
Letter of Commitment	1 page each
Community Partnership Documentation	1 page each
Statement of Project Objectives (SOPO) Template	5
Budget Justification Workbook	N/A
Summary/Abstract for Public Release	1
Summary Slide	Up to 3 pages
Subrecipient Budget Justification	N/A
Environmental Questionnaire	N/A
SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	N/A
Foreign Entity Waiver Requests and Foreign Work Waiver Requests	N/A
Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects Waiver Requests	N/A
Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity (more information below)	12 pages
Potentially Duplicative Funding Notice (if applicable)	N/A
Report on Resilience Investments	10
EIA 861 (Only applicable to Small Utilities)	N/A
Locations of Work	N/A
Project Description and Assurances Document (PDAD)	N/A

Technical Volume

Cover Page: The cover page should include the project title, the specific FOA Topic Area being addressed, both the technical and business points of contact, names of all team member organizations, names of the senior/key personnel and their organizations, the project location(s), and any statements regarding confidentiality.

Project Overview (Approximately 10% of the Technical Volume): The Project Overview should contain the following information:

- **Background:** The applicant should discuss the background of their organization, including the history, successes, and current project development status (i.e., the development baseline) relevant to the technical topic being addressed in the Full Application.
- **Project Goal:** The applicant should explicitly identify the targeted improvements to the baseline infrastructure, practices and regulatory framework, and/or technology and the critical success factors in achieving that goal, including the ways in which the proposed project location and related infrastructure, skilled workforce, community benefits, etc. will contribute to the success of the overall project.
- **DOE Impact:** The applicant should discuss the impact that DOE funding would have on the proposed project. Applicants should specifically explain how DOE funding, relative to prior, current, or anticipated funding from other public and private sources, is necessary to enable the project to progress, and to achieve its intended objectives.
- **Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity –** The applicant should summarize the overall anticipated benefits that will accrue to the local community and DACs (including, but not limited to, decreased duration, frequency, or impact of power disruption; increased access to clean power; and the support of minority business enterprises). The applicant should summarize a plan to attract, train, and retain a skilled labor force with strong labor standards, ensure workers’ free and fair chance to join a union, and identify potential partners they are working with to support these objectives.
- The applicant should articulate a strategy for sharing and maximizing the project’s benefits across disadvantaged communities and include a discussion of how resident and community leadership will be engaged throughout the project’s duration. DOE encourages efforts to reach historically underserved populations, racial minorities, and women. These strategies should create the connectivity and conditions for growth where they may not exist, such as in rural, underserved, and disadvantaged communities.
- Identify any potential long-term constraints the project will have on the community’s access to natural resources (e.g., water) and Tribal cultural resources. If applicable, describe a long-term cleanup strategy that ensures communities and neighborhoods remain healthy and safe and not burdened with cleanup costs and waste.
- The applicant should outline a climate resilience strategy that accounts for climate impacts and extreme weather patterns such as high winds (tornadoes and hurricanes), heat and freezing temperatures, drought, wildfire, and floods.

Technical Description, Innovation, and Impact (Approximately 30% of the Technical Volume): The Technical Description should contain the following information:

- **Relevance and Outcomes:** The applicant should provide a detailed description of the project, including grid outcomes, the technology used, and other principles and objectives that will be pursued during the project. This section should describe the relevance of the proposed project to the

- goals and objectives of the FOA, including the potential for the deployment of the project to meet specific desired grid outcomes and other relevant performance targets. The applicant should clearly specify the expected outcomes of the project.
- **Feasibility:** The applicant should demonstrate the technical feasibility of the proposed technology and capability of achieving the anticipated performance targets, including a description of previous work done and prior results. This section should also address the project’s access to necessary infrastructure (e.g. transportation, water, electric transmission), including any use of existing infrastructure, as well as to a skilled workforce.
 - **Innovation and Impacts:** The applicant should describe the current standard practice and/or state-of-the-art technology in the applicable field, the specific innovation (which can include advanced technologies; innovative partnerships; new financial arrangements; deployment of projects identified by innovative planning, modeling, or cost allocation approaches; and/or innovative environmental siting, permitting strategies, or community engagement practices) of the proposed technology, the advantages of proposed technology over current and emerging technologies, and the overall impact on advancing the state-of-the-art/technical baseline if the project is successful.
 - The applicant should describe how the project supports State, local, Tribal, regional and national resilience, decarbonization, or other energy goals, strategies and plans.
 - The applicant should address the potential impact of the project to reduce perceived risk for project deployment; achieve further deployment at-scale to; and lead to additional private sector investments.
 - Describe how the project will have a significant effect in encouraging and facilitating the development of smart grid functions identified as priority focus areas in 1.B.Topic Area 2 o Describe how the project would enhance the system flexibility to meet program objectives

Workplan (Approximately 40% of the Technical Volume): The Workplan should include a summary of the Project Objectives, Technical Scope, Work Breakdown Structure (WBS), Milestones, Go/No-Go Decision Points, and Project Schedule. A detailed SOPO is separately requested. The Workplan should contain the following information:

- **Project Objectives:** The applicant should provide a clear and concise (high-level) statement of the goals and objectives of the project as well as the expected outcomes.
- **Technical Scope Summary:** The applicant should provide a summary description of the overall work scope and approach to achieve the objective(s). The overall work scope is to be divided by performance periods that are separated by discrete, approximately annual decision points (see below for more information on Go/No-Go decision points). The applicant should describe the specific expected end result of each performance period, including milestones detailed in the Community Benefits Plan.
- **WBS and Task Description Summary:** The Workplan should describe the work to be accomplished and how the applicant will achieve the milestones, will accomplish the final project goal(s), and will produce all deliverables. The Workplan is to be structured with a hierarchy of performance period (approximately annual), task and subtasks, which is typical of a standard WBS for any project. The Workplan shall contain a concise description of the specific activities to be conducted over the life of the project. The description shall be a full explanation and disclosure of the project being proposed (i.e., a statement such as “we will then complete a proprietary process” is unacceptable). It is the applicant’s responsibility to prepare an adequately detailed task plan to describe the proposed

- project and the plan for addressing the objectives of this FOA. The summary provided should be consistent with the SOPO. The SOPO will contain a more detailed description of the WBS and tasks.
- **Milestone Summary:** The applicant should provide a summary of appropriate milestones throughout the project to demonstrate success. A milestone may be either a progress measure (which can be activity based) or a SMART technical milestone. SMART milestones should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely, and must demonstrate a technical achievement rather than simply completing a task. Unless otherwise specified in the FOA, the minimum requirement is that each project must have at least one milestone per quarter for the duration of the project with at least one SMART technical milestone per year (depending on the project, more milestones may be necessary to comprehensively demonstrate progress). The applicant should also provide the means by which the milestone will be verified. The summary provided should be consistent with the Milestone Summary Table in the SOPO.
 - **Go/No-Go Decision Points:** provide a summary of project-wide Go/No-Go decision points at appropriate points in the Workplan. At a minimum, each project must have at least one project-wide Go/No-Go decision point for each budget period (12 to 18-month period) of the project. The applicant should also provide the specific objective criteria to be used to evaluate the project at the Go/No-Go decision point. The summary provided should be consistent with the SOPO. Go/No-Go decision points are considered “SMART” and can fulfill the requirement for an annual SMART milestone.
 - **End of Project Goal:** The applicant should provide a summary of the end of project goal(s). At a minimum, each project must have one SMART end of project goal. The summary provided should be consistent with the SOPO.
 - **Project Schedule (Gantt Chart or similar):** The applicant should provide a schedule for the entire project, including task and subtask durations, milestones, and Go/No-Go decision points.
 - **Buy America Requirements for Infrastructure Projects:** Within the first 2 pages of the Workplan, include a short statement on whether the project will involve the construction, alteration, and/or repair of infrastructure in the United States.
 - **Project Management:** The applicant should discuss the team’s proposed management plan, including the following:
 - The overall approach to and organization for managing the work
 - The roles of each project team member
 - Any critical handoffs/interdependencies among project team members
 - The technical and management aspects of the management plan, including systems and practices, such as financial and project management practices
 - The approach to project risk management, including a plan for securing a qualified workforce and mitigating risks to project performance including but not limited to community or labor disputes.
 - A description of how project changes will be handled
 - If applicable, the approach to Quality Assurance/Control
 - How communications will be maintained among project team members

Technical Qualifications and Resources (Approximately 20% of the Technical Volume): The Technical Qualifications and Resources should contain the following information:

- Describe the project team’s unique qualifications and expertise, including those of key subrecipients.

- Describe the project team’s existing equipment and facilities, or equipment or facilities already in place on the proposed project site, that will facilitate the successful completion of the proposed project; include a justification of any new equipment or facilities requested as part of the project.
- This section should also include relevant, previous work efforts, demonstrated innovations, and how these enable the applicant to achieve the project objectives.
- Describe the time commitment of the key team members to support the project.
- Describe the technical services to be provided by DOE/NNSA FFRDCs, if applicable.

Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity

The Community Benefits Plan: Job Quality and Equity (Community Benefits Plan or Plan) must set forth the applicant’s framework to ensure that federal investments in the power sector advance the following four priorities: (1) community and labor engagement; (2) investing in the American workforce; (3) advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA); and (4) the Justice40 Initiative. The below sets forth the Plan requirements in each of the foregoing areas. The Community Benefits Plan should indicate the applicant’s intention to engage meaningfully with labor and community stakeholders on these goals, including the potential of entering into formal Workforce and Community Agreements. Given project complexity and sensitivities, applicants should consider pursuing multiple agreements.

Applicants should complete each portion of the initial Community Benefits Plan to the greatest extent possible. In cases where information is incomplete, applicants should clearly explain the reason for missing information and provide plans to address those gaps during the project. If the applicant has prior or ongoing efforts to advance energy and environmental justice, DEIA, community and labor engagement, or quality jobs, the application should discuss how they are incorporating lessons learned and building on these prior/ongoing efforts. At this stage of the application process, the Community Benefits Plan should indicate the applicant’s intention to engage meaningfully with community and labor stakeholders on these goals, including the potential of entering into a formal Workforce and Community Agreement. DOE expects the information contained in the Community Benefits Plan to deepen and evolve during each phase.

The applicant’s Community Benefits Plan must include at least one SMART (Specific, Measurable, Assignable, Realistic and Time-Related) milestone per budget period supported by metrics to measure the success of the proposed actions. Each of the four sections should also include information about the resources intended to implement the Community Benefits Plan, including staff time and budget to convene public meetings to engage and negotiate agreements with relevant labor unions, communities, and other stakeholders. The initial Community Benefits Plan should provide the most details regarding actions the applicant would take during the initial stages of project development but should also describe in a higher-level summary what goals, deliverables, outcomes, and implementation strategies the applicant would pursue as the project moves through the development, construction, and operational stages.

- **Community and Labor Engagement:** The Community Benefits Plan must set forth the applicant’s prior actions and future plans to engage with labor unions, local governments and Tribal entities, and an inclusive collection of local stakeholders, including community-based organizations that support or work with disadvantaged communities. By facilitating community input and social buy-in and strengthening accountability, such agreements substantially reduce or eliminate certain risks associated with the project. These agreements ideally lay the groundwork for the eventual negotiation of Workforce and Community Agreements, which could take the form of one or more kinds of negotiated agreements with communities, labor unions, or, ideally, both. Registered

- apprenticeship programs, labor-management training partnerships, quality pre-apprenticeship programs, card check neutrality, and local and targeted hiring goals are all examples of provisions that Workforce and Community Agreements could cover that would increase the success of a DOE-funded project. Applicants should also provide Community and Labor Partnership Documentation from representative organizations reflecting substantive engagement and feedback on applicant’s approach to community benefits including job quality and workforce continuity; diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; and the Justice40 Initiative. If selected for funding, applicants will be expected to execute on any proposed Workforce and Community Agreements that identify how community and labor concerns, vulnerabilities, and benefits will be addressed.
- **Investing in the American Workforce:** A well-qualified, skilled, and trained workforce is necessary to ensure project stability, continuity, and success, and to meet program goals. High-quality jobs are critical to attracting and retaining the qualified workforce required. The Community Benefits Plan must provide an approach to the creation and retention of quality jobs.⁴⁷ The Plan is an opportunity for the applicant to detail their approach to investing in the American workforce. Successful applicants will be required to provide more detail and identify SMART milestones to ensure accountability with plan implementation. Letters of support may bolster, but not replace, the descriptions requested below. Specific components of the plan must include:
 - Summarize the applicant’s plan to attract, train, and retain a skilled and well qualified workforce for both (a) construction and (b) ongoing operations/production activities. An available workforce is necessary to ensure project stability, continuity, and success. A collective bargaining agreement, labor-management partnership, or other such agreement would provide evidence of such a plan. Alternatively, applicants may describe:
 - Wages, benefits, and other worker supports provided
 - Commitments to support workforce education and training, including which reduces employee turnover costs for employers, increases productivity from a committed and engaged workforce, and promotes a nimble, resilient, and stable workforce for the project.
 - Efforts to engage employees in the design and execution of a workplace safety and health plan to safeguard worker health and well-being.
 - *NOTE: Because Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) have been shown to reduce project costs, avoid work delays, and improve efficiency, they are preferred on construction projects of all sizes and may be required for large construction projects (above \$35M or possibly lower, on a case-by-case basis).*
 - Please disclose any violations found within the past two years under the National Labor Relations Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act, Service Contract Act, Davis-Bacon Act, or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and any steps taken to improve your workforce practices following this violation. Describe whether workers can form and join unions of their choosing, exercising collective voice. Employees’ ability to organize, bargain collectively, and participate through labor organizations of their choosing in decisions which affect them, helps build meaningful economic power, safeguard the public interest, contribute to the effective conduct of business, and facilitate amicable settlements of disputes between employees and their employers, thus providing assurances of project efficiency, continuity, and multiple public benefits.
 - Describe the job retention and/or transition and other workforce development opportunities associated with the project noting efforts to create or retain jobs.

- **DEIA:** The Community Benefits Plan must include a section describing how DEIA objectives will be incorporated into the project. The section should detail how the applicant will partner with underrepresented businesses, training organizations serving workers facing system barriers to access quality jobs, and other project partners to help address DEIA. The plan should include at least one SMART milestone per Budget Period supported by metrics to measure the success of the proposed actions and will be incorporated into the award if selected. The following is a non-exhaustive list of potential DEIA actions that can serve as examples of ways the proposed project could incorporate DEIA elements. These examples should not be considered either comprehensive or prescriptive. Applicants may include appropriate actions not covered by these examples and should include a comprehensive set of specific DEIA actions anticipated in connection with the project.
 - Commit to supplier diversity and identify Minority Business Enterprises, Minority Owned Businesses, Woman Owned Businesses, and Veteran Owned Businesses to solicit as vendors and sub-contractors for bids on supplies, services and equipment.
 - Identify and partner with workforce training organizations serving underrepresented individuals and those facing barriers to quality employment such as those with disabilities, returning citizens, opportunity youth, and veterans.
 - Offer anti-bias training and education to ensure hiring professionals can recognize unconscious bias and can learn how to reduce discriminatory barriers.
 - Support for quality apprenticeship-readiness and/or pre-apprenticeship programs in the local community that are integrated with registered apprenticeship, including cyber apprenticeship-readiness programs and cyber-registered apprenticeship programs.
 - Provide funding for or partner with organization that can provide comprehensive support services such as training stipends, mental health supports, transportation assistance, and access to child care to improve access to career-track training and quality jobs for underrepresented and disadvantaged workers
 - Describe Local and/or Economic Hire efforts (e.g., recruitment preferences for economically disadvantaged populations)
- **Justice40 Initiative:** Applicants must provide an overview of benefits that can be supported by measurable metrics and describe the benefits to DACs. Such benefits framework shall include appropriate milestones for benefit delivery and will be incorporated into the award. Specifically, the Justice40 Initiative section must include:
 - Identification of applicable DACs to which the anticipated project benefits will flow.
 - Identification of applicable benefits that are quantifiable, measurable, and trackable.
 - Benefits include (but are not limited to) measurable direct or indirect investments or positive project outcomes that achieve or contribute to the following in DACs: (1) a decrease in energy burden; (2) a decrease in environmental exposure and burdens; (3) an increase in access to low-cost capital; (4) an increase in job creation, the clean energy job pipeline, and job training for individuals; (5) increases in clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (e.g., minority-owned or disadvantaged business enterprises); (6) increases in energy democracy, including community ownership; (7) increased parity in clean energy technology access and adoption; and (8) an increase in energy resilience including reduced outage frequency and/or duration. In addition, applicants, should also discuss how the project will maximize all of the benefits listed herein.

- A Discussion of Anticipated Negative and Cumulative Environmental Impacts on DACs. For example, what are the anticipated environmental impacts associated with the project, and how will the applicant mitigate such impacts? Within the context of cumulative impacts created by the project, applicants should use Environmental Protection Agency [EJSCREEN](#) tool to quantitatively discuss existing environmental impacts in the project area.
- A Description of How and when Anticipated Benefits Are Expected to Flow to DACs. For example, will the benefits be provided directly within the DAC(s) identified in the Justice40 Initiative Plan, or are the benefits expected to flow in another way? Further, will the benefits flow during project development or after project completion, and how will applicant track benefits delivered?

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated against the technical review criteria shown below.

Impact, Transformation, and Technical Merit (50%) - This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- Extent to which the project supports the Topic Area 1 objectives and desired outcomes
- The magnitude of the community or regional resilience benefit that the project will generate by reducing the likelihood and consequences of disruptive events
- The extent to which the has application specifically and convincingly demonstrates the applicant’s technical ability to:
 - Comprehensively mitigate one or more hazards faced by community or region
 - Fully mitigate the potential for equipment to cause a wildfire in a community or region
 - Minimize the consequences of an outage caused by a natural hazard
 - Minimize economic impact resulting from outage duration or outage frequency
- Extent to which project supports and works in tandem with State, local, Tribal, regional resilience, decarbonization, or other energy strategies and plans.
- Extent to which the project aligns with and is additive to the current resilience investments described by the applicant outlined in the Report on Resilience Investments.
- Sufficiency of technical detail to demonstrate that the proposed project is technically feasible and would likely result in the described community or regional resilience benefits.
- The potential impact of the project to lead to catalyze additional private sector investments and/or non-federal public or regulated capital

Project Plan and Project Financial Feasibility (20%) - This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- Project Approach, Workplan, and Statement of Project Objectives (SOPO)
 - Degree to which the approach and critical path have been clearly described and thoughtfully considered
 - Degree to which the task descriptions are clear, detailed, timely, and reasonable, resulting in a high likelihood that the proposed Workplan and SOPO will succeed in meeting the project goals.
- Identification of Risks

- Discussion and demonstrated understanding of the key anticipated risks (e.g. technical, financial, market, environmental, regulatory) involved in the proposed work and the quality of the mitigation strategies to address them
- **Baseline, Metrics, and Deliverables**
 - The level of clarity in the definition of the baseline, metrics, and milestones
 - Relative to a clearly defined baseline, the strength of the quantifiable metrics, milestones, and mid-point deliverables defined in the application, such that meaningful interim progress will be made.
- **Project Financial Feasibility**
 - The reasonableness of the budget and spend plan for the proposed project and objectives
 - Soundness of proposed cost share; level of dedication as demonstrated by letter(s) of commitment that clearly identify type and amount of proposed cost share. Proposed cost share meets requirements outlined in the FOA.
 - The degree to which the proposed project yields additive benefit(s) from the federal funding to undertake additional efforts that would not be taken but-for the funding or to accelerate or expand planned activities that would not be accelerated or expanded but-for the funding.
 - The degree to which the applicant justifies the project’s economic viability
 - The degree to which the project provides enhanced system value and/or provides improved current and future system cost-effectiveness and delivers economic benefit.

Management Team and Project Partners (10%) - This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- **Project Management**
 - Clarity and appropriateness of the roles and responsibilities of the project management organization and the project team, including relevant and critical subrecipients and vendors.
 - The capability of the Project Manager(s) and the proposed team to manage and address all aspects of the proposed work with a high probability of success.
 - The qualifications, relevant expertise, and time commitment of the individuals on the team
 - The level of participation by project participants as evidenced by letter(s) of commitment and how well they are integrated into the Project Plan/Workplan.
 - The degree to which the applicant has defined and described a project management structure that addresses interfaces with DOE.
- **Partners**
 - Degree to which the applicant includes partnerships with critical entities that will help ensure project success, as well as any partnerships with entities (including other states) outside of the applicant’s jurisdiction, who will commit to encourage asset operators (e.g., utilities, merchant developers) to replicate the proposed approaches, technologies or solutions, as applicable

Community Benefits Plan (20%) - This criterion involves consideration of the following factors:

- **Community and Labor Engagement**
 - Extent to which the applicant demonstrates community and labor engagement to date that results in support for the proposed project
 - Extent to which the applicant has a clear and appropriately robust plan to engage—ideally through a clear commitment to negotiate an enforceable Workforce & Community

- Agreements--with labor unions, Tribal entities, and community-based organizations that support or work with disadvantaged communities and other affected stakeholders.
- Extent to which the applicant has considered accountability to affected workers and community stakeholders, including those most vulnerable to project activities with a plan to publicly share SMART community benefits plan commitments
 - Extent to which the applicant demonstrates that community and labor engagement will lead to the delivery of high-quality jobs, minimal environmental impact, and allocation of project benefits to disadvantaged communities
 - Quality Jobs
 - Quality and manner in which the proposed project will create and/or retain high quality, good-paying jobs with employer-sponsored benefits for all classifications and phases of work.
 - Extent to which the project provides employees with the ability to organize, bargain collectively, and participate, through labor organizations of their choosing, in decisions that affect them and that contribute to the effective conduct of business and facilitates amicable settlements of any potential disputes between employees and employers, providing assurances of project efficiency, continuity, and multiple public benefits.
 - Extent to which applicant demonstrates that they are a responsible employer, with ready access to a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled labor, and an effective plan to minimize the risk of labor disputes or disruptions.
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)
 - The quality and manner in which the proposed project incorporates and measures diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility goals in the project, as reflected in the applicant's Community Benefits Plan.
 - Extent to which the project supports the development or demonstration in disadvantaged communities, supports existing minority business enterprises (MBEs) or promotes the creation of MBEs and underrepresented businesses in disadvantaged communities.
 - Quality of any partnerships and agreements with apprenticeship readiness programs, or community-based workforce training and support organizations serving workers facing systematic barriers to employment to facilitate participation in the project's construction and operations.
 - Extent of engagement of organizations that represent underserved communities as core element of their mission to include Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), MBEs, associations, and non-profit organizations.
 - Extent to which the project illustrates the ability to meet or exceed the objectives of the Justice40 initiative, including the extent to which the project benefits disadvantaged, underserved communities or partners with Tribal Nations.
 - Justice40 Initiative
 - Extent to which the Community Benefits Plan identifies: specific, measurable benefits for disadvantaged communities, how the benefits will flow to disadvantaged communities, and how negative environmental impacts affecting disadvantaged communities would be mitigated.
 - Extent to which the project would contribute to meeting the objective that 40% of the benefits of climate and clean energy investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FY 2022 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement

Grant Overview

This program will enhance the nation's ability to rapidly mobilize, surge, and respond to a public health emergency (PHE) identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program will establish a roster of approved but unfunded (ABU) applicants that may receive rapid funding by the CDC to respond to a PHE of such magnitude, complexity, or significance that it would have an overwhelming impact upon, and exceed resources available to, the jurisdictions. Eligible applicants are states, city, township, county, and special district governments, Native American tribal governments, and other public entities as specified in section 317(a) of the Public Health Service Act.

Program History

Program history is not available.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$500 million

Award Range: \$50,000 - \$5,000,000

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: January 13, 2022

Proposal due: February 12, 2022

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=337086>



Tips

- Eligible local government organizations must serve a county population of 2 million or more or serve a city population of 400,000 or more
- Eligible tribal governments must serve a population of 50,000 or more
- Award amounts and period of performance may vary once the program is activated

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FY 2022 Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to enhance the nation's ability to rapidly mobilize, surge, and respond to a public health emergency (PHE) identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program will establish a roster of approved but unfunded (ABU) applicants that may receive rapid funding by the CDC to respond to a PHE of such magnitude, complexity, or significance that it would have an overwhelming impact upon, and exceed resources available to, the jurisdictions. The CDC will use this ABU list for emergencies that require federal support to effectively respond to, manage, and address identified public health threats. The CDC will make funding related to this program available once it has determined a PHE exists or is considered imminent and is contingent upon the availability and stipulations of appropriations. The CDC will provide additional guidance and information to those on the ABU list when this program is funded.

Upon occurrence of a PHE, the CDC will be able to rapidly fund specific applicants to accelerate public health crisis response activities. Applicants may be selected to receive initial funding for Component A to stand up emergency activities, surge staffing, activate their emergency operations centers (EOCs), and conduct a needs assessment to determine the resources needed to address the specific public health crisis. Component B will provide for tailored emergency response activities. Components A and B can be issued independently or simultaneously based upon the unique needs and nature of the specific emergency.

Eligible strategies and activities will vary according to component, as follows:

- Component A:
 - Strengthen incident management for early crisis response
 - Strengthen jurisdictional recovery
- Component B:
 - Strengthen biosurveillance
 - Strengthen information management
 - Strengthen countermeasures and mitigation
 - Strengthen surge management

Funded recipients will be expected to achieve the following short-term outcomes during the project period to create a better-prepared nation for PHEs:

- Prioritized public health services and resources sustained throughout all phases of emergencies and incidents
- Earliest possible activation and management of emergency operations
- Timely communication of risk and essential elements of information
- Timely implementation of intervention and control measures

- Timely coordination and support of response activities with partners
- Earliest possible identification and investigation of an incident
- Continuous learning and improvements contain real-time feedback loop

Target populations will vary depending on the particular PHE funded; however, in broad terms, this program targets the entire U.S. population and the public health systems within the United States and its territories, freely associated states, and tribes. Funding awarded for response needs is intended to support the needs of any community impacted by a PHE and to ensure that the public health system is ready and capable of keeping their communities safe and mitigating the impacts of any PHE. Additionally, there is a special emphasis on ensuring the health needs of at-risk and underserved populations. Therefore, applicants should have a plan to address health disparities and health equity by having procedures in place to identify and be inclusive of populations with access and functional needs that may be disproportionately impacted or have increased risk for various PHEs.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, city, township, county, and special district governments, Native American tribal governments, and other public entities as specified in section 317(a) of the Public Health Service Act.

This program targets public health organizations that serve state, tribal, local, and territorial populations and are constitutionally empowered to protect the health and welfare of their respective communities, focused on executing emergency preparedness and response services.

Local government organizations or their bona fide agents must serve a county population of 2 million or more or serve a city population of 400,000 or more. Tribal governments or their bona fide agents must be federally recognized and serve a population of 50,000 or more. A list of applicants which meet the population criteria is available in the program information from the funding agency.

Award recipients will be required to collaborate with various Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) programs to ensure that activities and funding are coordinated with, complementary of, and not duplicative of efforts supported under other CDC programs. Award recipients must also collaborate with their jurisdictional laboratories, surveillance and epidemiology leads, vector control programs, health care providers, blood safety organizations, and emergency management partners or other relevant partners identified depending on the nature of the emergency.

Funding

In FY 2022, an estimated \$500 million is available through this program to support approximately 113 cooperative agreements. Awards may range from \$50,000 - \$5 million with an estimated average one-year amount of \$5 million.

Matching funds are not required for this program.

The project period will last five years and is estimated to begin on April 1, 2022.

Due to the nature of this program (the intent to establish a quick funding mechanism for pre-approved recipients faced with a public health emergency or imminent threat), the award amounts and period of performance may change once the program is activated.

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<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=337086>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Grant Overview

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognize standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Eligible applicants are fire departments, non-affiliated emergency medical services organizations, and state fire training academies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$333.8 million	1,922
2020	\$319.5 million	1,887

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$324 million

Award Range: Varies by population

Match: Varies by population

Solicitation date: January 9, 2023

Proposal due: February 10, 2023

- Construction costs are not eligible under the AFG program
- To be most competitive only select projects ranked High priority
- Do not use brand names in narratives
- Work with your FEMA [Regional Fire Program Specialist](#)

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Pendleton Fire
Department
Pendleton, IN

AMOUNT: \$550,000

YEAR: 2021

The Town of Pendleton, Indiana received a vehicle acquisition grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Applicants may request funding under the following eligible activities:

Operations and safety:

- Training: hands-on, instructor-led training that meets a national, state, or Department of Homeland Security adopted standard and results in a national or state certification provides the greatest training benefit
- Equipment: equipment for effective response, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical operations to enhance public safety. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:
 - Obtain equipment to achieve minimum operational and deployment standards for existing missions as High Priority
 - Replace non-compliant equipment to current standard as High Priority
 - Obtain equipment for new mission as Medium Priority
 - Upgrade technology to current standard as Low Priority
- Personal protective equipment (PPE): acquiring compliant PPE for firefighting and non-affiliated EMS personnel with the goal of increasing firefighter safety. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:
 - Acquiring or replacing an individual SCBA face piece for each operational member of an organization as High Priority.
 - Increase supply for new hire/existing firefighters that do not have one set of turnout gear (PPE) or allocated seated position (SCBA). This includes replacing out of service PPE and SCBA as High Priority
 - Replace in-service/in-use/damaged/unsafe/unrepairable PPE or SCBA to meet current standard as High Priority
 - Replace in-service/in-use/expired/noncompliant PPE or SCBA to current standard as High Priority
 - Upgrade technology to current standard as Low Priority
- Wellness and fitness: activities intended to strengthen emergency responders so that their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient enough to withstand the demands of all hazardous operations
- Modifications to facilities: modifying fire stations and other facilities. *Updated priorities* to the FY 2022 competition include:

- New source capture exhaust systems, sprinkle systems, carbon monoxide, or smoke/fire detection systems as high priority. Replacement or updates to existing source capture exhaust systems are considered lower priority over requests for new systems.
- Emergency generators, Air Quality Systems as medium priority.

Vehicle acquisition: funding to purchase one or more vehicles, and funding for driver training as required

Regional projects: regional activities that benefit more than one local jurisdiction and that seek to support regional efficiency and resilience and achieve cost effectiveness

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- Fire departments: an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, local, tribal, or territorial authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.
- Non-affiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations: an agency or organization that is a public or private nonprofit emergency medical service entity providing medical transport that is not affiliated with a hospital and does not serve a geographic area in which emergency medical services are adequately provided by a fire department. FEMA considers the following as hospitals under the AFG Program: clinics; medical centers; medical college or university; infirmary; surgery centers; and any other institution, association, or foundation providing medical, surgical, or psychiatric care and/or treatment for the sick or injured.
- State fire training academies (SFTAs): SFTAs designated either by legislation or by a governor's declaration as the sole state fire service training agency within a state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

Although NFIRS reporting is not a requirement to apply for any AFG Program, fire departments that receive funding under this program must agree to provide information to the NFIRS for the period of performance covered by the assistance.

Applicants do not need to be in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS); however, applicants that receive funding must achieve a level of NIMS compliance required by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) over the applicant's emergency service operations prior to the end of the project period.

Funding

In FY 2022, \$324 million is available to support approximately 2,000 awards through this program. The project period will span 24 months from the date of award.

Maximum award amounts will vary according to the population of the jurisdiction served by the applicant, as follows:

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of 100,000 residents or fewer: no more than \$1 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 100,001 residents, but not more than 500,000 residents: no more than \$2 million

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 500,001 residents, but not more than 1 million residents: no more than \$3 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 1 million residents, but not more than 2.5 million residents: no more than \$3.2 million
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 2.5 million residents: no more than \$3.2 million

The total funding available for will be allocated according to applicant type, as follows:

- Fire Departments: Not less than 25% of available grant funds shall be awarded to career, combination, or volunteer department types (total of 75 percent).
- Nonaffiliated EMS Organizations: Not more than 2% of available grant funds shall be collectively awarded to all nonaffiliated EMS organization recipients.
- Emergency Medical Services Providers: Not less than 3.5% of available grant funds shall fund emergency medical services provided by fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations.
- State Fire Training Academy: Not more than 3% of available grant funds shall be collectively awarded to all SFTA recipients. Further, not more than \$500,000 of available federal grant funds may be awarded per SFTA applicant.
- Vehicles: Not more than 25% of available grant funds may be used by recipients for the purchase of vehicles. Of that amount, based on stakeholder recommendations, FEMA intends to allocate 10% of the total vehicle funds for ambulances.
- Micro Grants: The selection of the voluntary Micro Grant option (cumulative federal funding of \$50,000) for eligible Operations and Safety activities does not impact an applicant's request or participation under the Vehicle Acquisition or Regional projects. Applicants who select Micro Grants under Operations and Safety as a funding opportunity choice may still apply for a Vehicle Acquisition or Regional project. Of the 25% allocated to each of the career, combination, and volunteer departments, FEMA will aim to fund no less than 25% of the allocation for Micro Grants.

Cost share requirements will vary according to the population of the jurisdiction served by the applicant, as follows:

- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of 20,000 residents or fewer: applicants must provide at least 5 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 20,000 residents, but not more than 1 million residents: applicants must provide at least 10 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions
- Applicants serving a jurisdiction of more than 1 million residents: applicants must provide at least 15 percent of the award amount via nonfederal cash contributions

The cost share for SFTAs will apply the requirements above based on the total population of the state. The cost share for a regional application will apply the requirements above based on the aggregate population of the primary first due response areas of the host and participating partner organizations. In cases of demonstrated financial hardship, the required cost share may be waived or reduced.

FEMA has developed a [cost share calculator tool](#) in order to assist applicants with determining their cost share.

Contact Information

Work with your FEMA [Regional Fire Program Specialist](#) on scoping your application and consult the AFG help desk at (866) 274-0960 or FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov.

<https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Grant Overview

The Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) program provides support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change. Program priorities for FY 2023 are to incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, incorporate nature-based solutions, enhance climate resilience and adaptation, and increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes. Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. **Local governments may apply as a sub-applicant through their state specific process.**

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$1 billion	53

Key Information

Total Funding: \$1 billion
Award Range: Varies
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: October 12, 2023
Proposal due: February 29, 2024

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>



Awardee Profile

County of Nevada,
California

AMOUNT: \$31,030,000

YEAR: 2021

The County of Nevada received pass-through funding to use nature-based solutions and a multi-faceted approach to directly address wildfire risk to lives, homes and community lifelines through home-hardening and near-home defensible space vegetation management, landscape level fuel modification, and community education.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide support to communities for hazard mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to the growing hazards associated with climate change and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future. The guiding principles of the program include supporting communities through capability and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions; promoting partnerships; enabling large, systems-based projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. Through these efforts communities are able to better understand disaster risk and vulnerabilities, conduct community-driven resilience, hazard mitigation planning, and design transformational projects and programs.

The program aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive, post-disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investments in community resilience. These investments aim to reduce future disaster losses, including loss of life and property as well as future spending from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). BRIC focuses on cost-effective mitigation measures including protecting public infrastructure so that critical services can withstand or more rapidly recover from future disasters, as well as other projects and activities to increase resilience throughout the nation. Through the program, the funding agency can engage state, local, tribal, and territorial partners in enhancing climate resilience and adaptation through systems-based, community-wide investments. The funding agency is including new provisions to implement the [Community Disaster Resilience Zones Act](#), a new law which aims to direct public and private resilience investments in communities that are most vulnerable to natural hazards.

The program objectives are to:

- Increase climate literacy among the emergency management community, including awareness of natural hazard risks and knowledge of best practices for mitigation
- Increase awareness of stakeholders and partners with capabilities to support mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery
- Ensure more innovative risk-informed mitigation projects are developed and completed, including multi-hazard resilience or nature-based solutions
- Assist communities identify and mitigate the risks to natural hazards and their own threats from climate change.
- Direct increased resources to eliminate disparities in equitable outcomes across underserved communities

The program priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities as referenced in [Executive Order 14008](#)
- Incorporate nature-based solutions including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

The program encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities.

Financial assistance awards will be provided for the following activities:

- Capability- and Capacity-building Activities: enhancing the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning related activities, and other activities.
- Hazard Mitigation Projects (construction): cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; 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 and the effects of climate change.
- Management Costs: financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount up to 15 percent of the total amount of the grant award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award amount may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs generally.

Applicants may also request non-financial direct technical assistance via the [BRIC Technical Assistance](#) program which supports the development of climate resilience planning and project design in, and with, underserved and/or disadvantaged communities, and federally recognized tribal governments that are disproportionately affected by natural hazard risk and climate change.

In accordance with the BRIC program's guiding principle of promoting equity and in implementing the Justice40 Initiative, the BRIC program is prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in EO 14008 and subsequent guidance. BRIC is prioritizing assistance to disadvantaged or Justice40 communities as identified by the [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#), an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community), or a Community Disaster Resilience Zone (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5136(a)(1)).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, territories, and tribal governments. Eligible applicants must have had a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the seven years prior to the annual application period and have an approved state or tribal hazard mitigation plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 by the application deadline.

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments, may choose to apply as sub-applicants and request financial assistance from their state, territory, or tribal applicant agency. Many states have fixed subapplication deadlines that precede the application deadline. Contact your [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) to learn about its sub-application process.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$1 billion in funding will be available to support awards. Of the total amount, funding will be allocated as follows:

- State/territory Allocation: a total of \$112 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- Tribal Set-aside: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$2 million.
- State/territory Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$2 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- Tribal Building Code Plus-Up: a total of \$25 million is available to support awards to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities
- National Competition: a total of \$50 million is available to support awards of up to \$50 million.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the project costs via nonfederal cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof; however, the match requirement is decreased to 10 percent of the project costs for economically disadvantaged rural community applicants and federally recognized Indian tribal government. Projects performed within, and/or that primarily benefit a designated Community Disaster Resilience Zone also have a decreased cost sharing requirement of 10 percent of the total project costs.

Award recipients may be reimbursed for management costs that include indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount of up to 15 percent of the award, of which not more than 10 percent of the total award may be used by the recipient and 5 percent by the subrecipient for such costs.

The project period will last for 36 months, starting on the date of award.

Contact Information

For general questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) or [FEMA Regional Office](#).

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

**FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE**

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by fostering strong federal, state, tribal, territorial, regional, and local partnerships to identify flood risks, reduce flood losses, and promote community resilience. Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, other than institutions of higher education, institutions of higher education, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, special district governments, territories, and state governments, including the District of Columbia.

Program History

There is no program history available for this opportunity.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$95 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: April 26, 2023

Application due: June 19, 2023

<https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners>



Tips

- Priority will be given to applicants that have a strong record of working effectively with FEMA on CTP program activities and demonstrate their ability to leverage funding received from FEMA through partner contributions.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by fostering strong federal, state, tribal, territorial, regional, and local partnerships to identify flood risks, reduce flood losses, and promote community resilience. The objectives of the CTP program are primarily to support the mission and objectives of the NFIP's Flood Hazard Mapping Program through FEMA's flood hazard identification and risk assessment programs, including the Risk MAP program. The vision for Risk MAP is to deliver quality data that increases public awareness of flood risk and leads to action that reduces flood risk to life and property. Through more precise flood mapping products, risk assessment tools, and planning and outreach support, Risk MAP strengthens the local ability to make informed decisions about reducing flood risk.

Additionally, the program supports the 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan, Goal 2: Lead whole of community in climate resilience and Goal 3: Promote and sustain a ready FEMA and a prepared nation. It helps achieve these goals by fostering strong federal, state, tribal, territorial, regional, and local partnerships to identify flood risks, reduce flood losses, and promote community resilience. It also supports the National Mitigation Investment Strategy, a supporting document to Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8), National Preparedness.

The objectives of the CTP program are primarily to support the mission and objectives of the NFIP's Flood Hazard Mapping Program through FEMA's flood hazard identification and risk assessment programs, including the Risk MAP program. The vision for Risk MAP is to deliver quality data that increases public awareness of flood risk and leads to action that reduces flood risk to life and property. Through more precise flood mapping products, risk assessment tools, and planning and outreach support, Risk MAP strengthens the local ability to make informed decisions about reducing flood risk.

The program will focus on the following Risk MAP priorities:

- Maintaining 80% new, validated, or updated engineering (NVUE) data
- Advancing Ongoing Risk MAP Projects
- Addressing Remaining Statute Requirements
- Ensure equitable determination and delivery of products to communities in a tailored way based on their needs, including for disadvantaged communities whom the Justice40 Initiative aims to ensure receive benefits from this program

Awards will be made for the following categories of activities:

- Program management (PM): projects that involve the active process of managing multiple projects
- Community outreach and mitigation strategies (COMS): projects that focus on building risk awareness and understanding at the local level, increasing a community's ability to communicate flood risk to

their citizens, supporting local efforts to reduce natural hazard risk within a community or watershed area, and keeping communities and stakeholders engaged throughout the Risk MAP process

- Letter of map revision (LOMR) review activities: projects restricted to existing bi-annually pre-approved project partners
- Special projects: projects that have national programmatic benefits
- Technical hazard identification, risk analysis, and mapping: projects that develop flood hazard and risk assessment data for a flood risk project and support Risk MAP program goals and measures by completing technical risk analysis and mapping activities

Eligible costs may include:

- Costs associated with training provided by award recipients as part of the project scope
- Domestic travel costs
- Pre-award costs directly related to developing the application and/or directly related to award implementation after the application period has opened but prior to the date of the award or final approval
- Management and administration (M&A) costs
- Indirect facilities and administration (F&A) costs

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are city or township governments, county governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, other than institutions of higher education, institutions of higher education, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, special district governments, territories, and state governments, including the District of Columbia.

In general, eligible applicants fall into one of the following three groups:

- Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as defined under Title 44, Part 59 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which typically includes state, tribal, special district, territorial, and local governments, that are in good standing with the NFIP
- State, local, and regional governmental agencies, such as water management districts, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and state universities, whose activities support floodplain management and flood mitigation actions within the NFIP communities they serve
- Nonprofit organizations that have a primary mission to support the ability of NFIP communities to more effectively understand and manage their flood risks

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$95 million is available to support a projected number of 130 awards through this program.

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, priority will be given to applicants that have a strong record of working effectively with the funding agency on CTP program activities and demonstrate their ability to leverage funding received from the funding agency through partner contributions. For the purposes of this program, partner contributions refer to the amount of leveraged data and resources. For letter of map revision (LOMR) review projects, priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate significant past or potential future cost sharing and cost effectiveness.

For program management (PM) projects, community outreach and mitigation strategies (COMS) projects, LOMR review projects, and special projects, the project period will be 25 months, and is anticipated to begin on September 1, 2023, and end on September 30, 2025. For technical hazard identification, risk analysis, and mapping projects, the project period will be for 49 months, and is anticipated to begin on September 1, 2023, and a projected end date of September 30, 2027.

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<https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/cooperating-technical-partners>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

FY 2023 Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB): Next Generation Warning System Grant Program (NGWSGP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the public alert and warning system that provides timely and effective warnings using the latest broadcast technology standards, especially in underserved communities with limited broadcast services, including people with access and functional needs; people with limited English proficiency; and people in underserved geographic locations, including tribal and remote rural areas. Eligible applicants are public broadcasting entities, including public television and radio stations.

Program History

There is no available history for this program.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$34 million

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: August 8, 2023

Proposal due: November 8, 2023

<https://www.cpb.org/Next-Generation-Warning-System-Grant-Program>



Tips

- Priority funding considerations for this grant:
 - Tribal, minority, and/or rural stations serving underserved communities
 - Small stations
 - Other television and radio stations
- In addition to providing monetary awards, this program will provide technical advice and assistance to award recipients with limited resources.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

FY 2023 Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB): Next Generation Warning System Grant Program (NGWSGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the public alert and warning system that provides timely and effective warnings using the latest broadcast technology standards, especially in underserved communities with limited broadcast services, including people with access and functional needs; people with limited English proficiency; and people in underserved geographic locations, including tribal and remote rural areas. Funding will support public television and radio stations for the purchase and installation of, and training on, equipment that will allow Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) alerts to be distributed over public radio and television broadcasts. Program objectives include to:

- Enhance capacity of local broadcast stations to receive, broadcast, and redistribute emergency alert messages from IPAWS using IPAWS Specification for Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)
- Implement upgrades to the digital radio and NextGen TV/Advanced Television Systems Committee 3.0 (ATSC 3.0) broadcast standard
- Enhance technology infrastructure to ensure local public broadcast stations can launch new, enhanced broadcast services that will improve and expand the distribution of public alerts and warnings
- Expand the delivery and distribution of emergency alert messages from IPAWS to fill gaps in alert and warning delivery to people in underserved areas

Across the overall objectives above, the program has established priorities to provide:

- Advanced technology for public broadcast entities, including:
 - Television stations: ATSC 3.0 or other Next Generation Warning System (NGWS) technology, equipment, and maintenance for stations primarily serving underserved communities
 - Radio stations: digital broadcast technology, equipment, and maintenance for capabilities that deliver emergency alert messages from IPAWS to people in underserved communities
- Resilience-related equipment for public broadcasting entities, including emergency generators and related resilience equipment for stations primarily serving underserved communities
- Training for technology and resilience, including training in using NGWS and related technology, including ATSC 3.0 and HD Radio, to improve the distribution of emergency messages from IPAWS as well as in techniques to increase station resilience during emergencies

Eligible equipment includes:

- Advanced technology to enable IPAWS alerting capability including:
 - ATSC 3.0 and related technologies, equipment, and maintenance for television stations

- Digital broadcasting technology, equipment, and maintenance for radio stations
- CAP-compliant Emergency Alert System (EAS) boxes
- Resilience-related equipment to enable operation during disasters, including emergency generators
- All equipment in a station's Air Chain that would advance the objectives and priorities of this program

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public broadcasting entities, including public television and radio stations.

Priority funding consideration will be given to the following types of applicants in descending order:

- Tribal, minority, and/or rural stations serving underserved communities
- Small stations
- Other television and radio stations

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$34 million is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program.

In addition to providing monetary awards, this program will provide technical advice and assistance to award recipients with limited resources. Applicants may request technical assistance in their applications; however, the provision of technical assistance will be limited and determined by availability, station needs, and prioritization criteria.

Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Awards will be issued on a rolling basis until September 30, 2025.

Funds must be expended, and equipment must be installed, by September 30, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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<https://www.cpb.org/Next-Generation-Warning-System-Grant-Program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

Grant Overview

This program assists state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies with implementing the National Preparedness System (NPS) and to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. Eligible applicants are state administrative agencies and state emergency management agencies in all 56 U.S. states and territories, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	\$355.1 million	58

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$355.1 million

Award Range: Varies by state

Match: 50 percent

Solicitation date: February 27, 2023

Proposal due: May 18, 2023

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/emergency-management-performance>



Awardee Profile

State of California

AMOUNT: \$27,840,216

YEAR: 2021

California received \$27,840,216 in funding to assist state agencies and local governments meet the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies with implementing the National Preparedness System (NPS) and to support the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The objectives of this program include building or sustaining those capabilities that are identified as high priority through the threat and hazard identification and risk assessment (THIRA)/stakeholder preparedness review (SPR) process and other relevant information sources, as well as closing capability gaps that are identified in the state's or territory's most recent SPR.

Priorities and associated program-funded projects must be mutually agreed to by the award recipient and the regional administrator (RA). Identification of priorities and development of the work plan should involve a collaborative negotiation process through which a common set of priorities will emerge based on a combination of state/territory priorities, regional priorities, and national priorities. State/territory priorities should be primarily driven by the THIRA/SPR process. Regional priorities will be determined by the RAs based on their unique knowledge of the region's preparedness and emergency management needs, and should also be based on an analysis of THIRA/SPR data and other information sources provided by the states/territories in their area(s) of responsibility. When developing state/territory priorities, applicants should consider the following national priorities:

- **Equity:** addressing the needs of underserved, at-risk communities to help ensure consistent and systematic, fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals before, during, and after a disaster; examples of allowable activities include:
 - Employment of planners to identify, assess, and understand the unique threats, vulnerabilities, inequities, and needs of underserved, at-risk communities
 - Update of emergency operations plans (EOPs) and other deliberate plans as necessary to ensure the needs of underserved, at-risk communities are adequately addressed in those plans
- **Climate resilience:** undertaking targeted efforts to increase resilience, including climate resilience, for underserved individuals and communities; examples of allowable activities include:
 - Development of/updates to disaster housing plans to incorporate and address climate data/projections/risks
 - Establishment of climate or resiliency positions within emergency management offices to assess climate-related risks, develop mitigation strategies, and support updating of EOPs
- **Readiness:** expanding the approach to readiness, preparedness, and resiliency by increasing the overall emergency management capabilities at all levels of government, as well as the private sector, the nonprofit sector, and among individuals; examples of allowable activities include:
 - Development of state-led disaster housing task force plan

- Development of a plan for the sequencing of federal, nonprofit, and state disaster programs

To the extent possible, equity consideration must be factored into all program-funded investments across all national priority areas. In addition, applicants are required to designate at least one project in their work plan and budget narrative that specifically addresses equity considerations.

Recognizing that every state and territory has its own unique preparedness and emergency management needs, the national priorities outlined above should inform the identification of state/territory priorities when developing the common set of mutual priorities agreed upon by the RA and each state/territory. Ideally, the regional and state/territory priorities will complement and support the national priorities. In addition to the requirement that at least one project address equity considerations, the only other mandate stemming from these national priorities is the requirement for all award recipients to develop and maintain a distribution management plan as an annex to their existing EOP.

Examples of allowable project costs include:

- Planning
- Organization
- Equipment
- Training
- Exercises
- Travel
- Construction and renovation
- Acquisition and leasing of real property
- Maintenance and sustainment

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state administrative agencies (SAAs) and state emergency management agencies (EMAs) in all 56 U.S. states and territories, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Prior to receiving an award, applicants must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). In addition, award recipients must belong to, be located in, or act as a temporary member state of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), with the exception of American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$355.1 million is available to support awards through this program. Funding amounts for each state vary depending on population. Funding allocations can be found [here](#).

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions.

Funding selections are expected to be made no later than July 21, 2023, and awards are expected to be issued no later than September 30, 2023. The project period will last for 36 months and is expected to begin on October 1, 2022, and end on September 30, 2025. Extensions to the project period may be permitted.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable emergency operations centers with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Eligible applicants are state administrative agencies (SAAs) applying on behalf of the state and local governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$49,026,403	53

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$89,140,285

Award Range: Varies by region.

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: March 1, 2023

Proposal due: April 14, 2023

[Emergency Operations Center Grant Program | FEMA.gov](#)



Awardee Profile

Wake County Emergency Management, Raleigh, NC

AMOUNT: \$1 million

YEAR: 2022

Wake County received a \$1 million grant through this program to upgrade its emergency operations center with more space, technology, and amenities for staff.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable emergency operations centers (EOC) with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. The funding agency defines an EOC as a facility or capability from which direction and control is exercised in an emergency. This type of center or capability is designated to ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility or capability in the event of an emergency. Funding will support the equipping, upgrading, and/or construction of EOCs to provide fully capable facilities to support command, control, and coordination of multiagency responses to major disasters or emergencies.

Funding may be used for the following direct costs:

- Planning costs to support the EOC construction or upgrading activities.
- Equipment integral to EOC construction and upgrading.
- Construction, which for the purposes of this program refers to building a new facility or any changes to the footprint of an existing facility.
- Upgrading, which for the purposes of this program refers to internal improvements to an existing facility.

For EOC projects that involve construction or upgrading of multipurpose facilities, such as public safety facilities or police/fire stations, funding may only be used for those parts of the facility that are directly associated with the EOC. For new facility construction, funding should be limited to the proportionate facility construction cost, generally based on the square footage of the EOC compared to the square footage of the entire facility.

All proposed construction and upgrading activities must undergo an Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) review, including approval of the review by the funding agency, prior to undertaking any action related to the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to state administrative agencies (SAAs) applying on behalf of the state and local governments. Applicants must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$89,140,285 is available to support awards across all the funding agency's ten regions. Awards are expected to be issued on June 30, 2023. The project period will last for 36 months and is expected

to begin no later than June 1, 2023, and end no later than May 31, 2026. Extensions to the project period may be permitted.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal contributions. Nonfederal contributions must consist of eligible costs and may be cash or third-party in-kind, except for construction activities, which must be a cash match.

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[Emergency Operations Center Grant Program | FEMA.gov](#)

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

Grant Overview

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program provides funding to communities to reduce or eliminate the flood risk of repetitive flood damage to structures and buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and within NFIP-participating communities. Eligible applicants are states, territories, and federal recognized tribal governments. **Local governments may submit sub-applications through their state agency.**

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$642.5 million	149

Key Information

Total Funding: \$800 million

Award Range: Varies

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: October 12, 2023

Proposal due: February 29, 2024

<https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Canton,
Mississippi

AMOUNT: \$2,200,000

YEAR: 2022

The city of Canton received pass-through funding for the Martin Luther King (MLK) South Flood Mitigation Project. As part of flood mitigation efforts, Canton completed a capital improvement project that included activities to improve detention/retention ponds and drainage channels. The city also rehabilitated and expanded riverbank buffers.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to structures and buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and to enhance community flood resilience within NFIP-participating communities. The program recognizes the growing flood hazards associated with climate change and the need for flood hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding. The program will address the following goals of the funding agency's 2022-2026 strategic plan:

- Remove barriers to funding agency programs through a people-first approach
- Achieve equitable outcomes for those served
- Build a climate-resilient nation

The program also supports the National Mitigation Investment Strategy and the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration 2021-2023 Mitigation Strategy by advancing mitigation investment to reduce risks posed by natural hazards and increasing the nation's resilience to natural hazards.

The funding agency will support the following types of projects:

- Capability and capacity-building projects
- Localized flood risk reduction projects
- Individual flood mitigation projects
- The funding agency encourages flood mitigation projects that will benefit multiple properties located in an NFIP-participating community. In addition, the funding agency aims to incentivize flood mitigation activities and projects that advance equity (see Executive Order 14091: Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government) and that will benefit disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order (EO) 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. In implementing the Administration's Justice40 Initiative, established in EO 14008, the program will identify disadvantaged communities, also referred to as Justice40 Communities, using version 1.0 of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST).

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, the District of Columbia, territories, and federally recognized tribal governments.

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Tribal governments (including federally recognized Tribes who choose to apply as subapplicants), are considered subapplicants and must submit subapplications to their state/territory/Tribal applicant agency. Certain political subdivisions (for example, regional flood control districts or county governments) may apply and act as subapplicants if they are part of a community participating in the NFIP where the political subdivision

provides zoning and building code enforcement or planning and community development professional services for that community. Subapplications under which two or more entities would carry out the award are eligible, such as a multi-state or multi-Tribal initiative; however, only one entity may be the subapplicant with primary responsibility for carrying out the award. Contact information for the State Hazard Mitigation Officers is provided on the FEMA [website](#).

All applicants and subapplicants must be participating in the NFIP, and not be withdrawn, on probation, or suspended. NFIP community status can be verified [here](#). All applicants and subapplicants must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan by the application deadline and at the time of award obligation.

Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$800 million is available to support an estimated 40 awards and 725 subawards through this program. Funding for specific activities is as follows:

- Capability and Capacity Projects: \$60 million is available to support awards in this category. Maximum award amounts are as follows:
 - \$100,000 for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans with maximums awards of:
 - \$50,000 for state multi-hazard mitigation planning
 - \$25,000 for local multi-hazard mitigation planning
 - \$50,000 for Technical Assistance projects
 - \$900,000 for Project Scoping
 - \$300,000 for Additional capability and capacity projects Activities
- Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects: \$520 million is available to support awards up to \$50 million through this category
- Individual Flood Mitigation Projects: \$220 million is available to support awards through this category

Project periods will be for up to 36 months from the date of the award.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Generally, the cost share for this program is 75 percent federal cost share and 25 percent non-federal cost share. Cost share is required for most subapplications funded under this program. For capability and capacity-building as well as localized flood risk reduction projects, the funding agency may also decrease the matching requirement to ten percent for properties located in areas with a Center for Disease Control and Prevention social vulnerability index of more than 0.5001. For individual flood mitigation projects, the federal cost share may be up to 100 percent for FMA-defined Severe Repetitive Loss.

Contact Information

General questions about the FMA program can be directed to the appropriate FEMA Regional Office or SHMO. Contact information for FEMA Regional Offices is provided at <https://www.fema.gov/about/contact>.

Contact information for the SHMOs is provided at <https://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers>
<https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-fy-2018-subapplication-status#>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Grant Overview

This program helps states, tribes, and territories enact mitigation measures following a presidential major disaster declaration that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar offices of the 50 states, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes. Sub-applicants include state agencies, tribes, local governments or communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

Proposal due: Varies by State

<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>



Tips

- State and local governments may apply for funding under this program through a state's governor in eligible communities within a state, tribe, or territory
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation plan
- The process for states and local governments to receive funding under this program is further explained by FEMA [here](#)

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Office of Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)

FY 2023 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help states, tribes, and territories develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild following a presidential major disaster declaration in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities. Awards will be provided for hazard mitigation activities that include long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters.

For the purposes of this program, hazard mitigation includes long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters. Eligible risk reduction projects include:

- Planning and enforcement, including:
 - Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans
 - Acquisition of hazard-prone homes and businesses that will enable owners to relocate to safer areas
 - Post-disaster code enforcement
- Flood protection, including:
 - Protecting homes and businesses with permanent barriers to prevent floodwater from entering
 - Elevating structure above known flood levels to prevent and reduce losses
 - Reconstructing a damaged dwelling on an elevated foundation to prevent and reduce future flood losses
 - Drainage improvement projects to reduce flooding
- Retrofitting, including:
 - Structural retrofits to make a building more resistant to floods, earthquakes, wind, wildfire, and other natural hazards
 - Retrofits to utilities and other infrastructure to enhance resistance to natural hazards
- Construction, including:
 - Construction of safe rooms for both communities and individual residences in areas prone to hurricane and tornado activity
 - Slope stabilization projects to prevent and reduce losses to structures

This program only accepts applications following an applicable presidential major disaster declaration. Should the program open, applicable disaster declarations and deadlines to apply for this program will be posted online at www.fema.gov/disasters. Sub-applicants should check State Emergency Operations websites to learn about State HMGP deadlines.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the emergency management agencies or similar officers of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and federally recognized tribes. Each state, territory, commonwealth, or federally recognized tribe must designate one agency to serve as the applicant. All interested sub applicants must apply to the applicant. Eligible sub applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribes, local governments/communities, and private nonprofit organizations.

Applicants must have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- approved mitigation plan at the time of the presidential major disaster declaration, and at the time HMGP funding is obligated to the recipient or subrecipient. There is no mitigation plan requirement for the development of a new mitigation plan.

Funding

In FY 2023, there is an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards through this program. The maximum amount of funding available is calculated using a “sliding scale” formula based on a percentage of the estimated total federal assistance available under the Stafford Act, excluding administrative costs for each presidential major disaster declaration.

Applicants with a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-approved state or tribal standard mitigation plan may receive:

- Up to 15 percent of the first \$2 billion of the estimated aggregate amount of disaster assistance
- Up to 10 percent for the next portion of the estimated aggregate amount more than \$2 billion and up to \$10 billion
- Up to 7.5 percent for the next portion of the estimate aggregate amount more than \$10 billion and up to \$35,333,000,000

Applicants with a FEMA-approved state or tribal enhanced mitigation plan are eligible to receive up to 20 percent of the estimated total federal assistance under the Stafford Act, not to exceed \$35,333,000,000, excluding administrative costs authorized for the disaster. Advance assistance may be available in the amount of up to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling or \$10 million, whichever is less, to applicants/sub applicants to accelerate the implementation of the program.

For presidential major disaster declarations for all hazards, an additional 5 percent of the grantee's HMGP ceiling may be used to fund hazard mitigation activities. Grantees may request a flat percentage rate of 4.89 percent of the projected eligible program costs for management costs.

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The program period of performance will begin with the opening of the application period and end no later than 36 months from the close of the application period.

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<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Grant Overview

The Port Security Grant Program supports increased portwide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. Funding will support port authorities; facility operators; and state, local, and territory agencies for activities associated with implementing area maritime security plans (AMSP), facility security plans (FSPs), vessel security plans (VSPs), and other portwide risk management efforts. Eligible applicants are entities subject to an area maritime security plan, including port authorities, facility operators, and state and local government agencies.

Program History

Total Funding	
2022	\$100 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$100 million

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: February 27, 2023

Proposal due: May 18, 2023

- Additional consideration will be given to projects certified by the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) as having a port-wide benefit.

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security>



Awardee Profile

Municipality of
Anchorage, AK

AMOUNT: \$1,687,687

YEAR: 2021

Municipality of Anchorage/Port of Alaska received funding through the PSGP to support increased portwide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. Funding will support port authorities; facility operators; and state, local, and territorial agencies for activities associated with implementing area maritime security plans (AMSP), facility security plans (FSPs), vessel security plans (VSPs), and other port-wide risk management efforts.

For FY 2023, the two areas that will attract the greatest concern by the funding agency are:

- Enhancing cybersecurity, including:
 - Cybersecurity risk assessments
 - Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places, including:
 - Physical security enhancements at cruise and ferry terminals
 - Enhancements of security aboard ferries
 - Rapid-response boats for preventing or responding to security incidents on waterways

Projects that address these two areas of greatest concern will receive priority during the application evaluation process.

Secondary priority will be given to projects under the following areas:

- Effective planning, including:
 - Development of port-wide security risk management, continuity of operations, and response plans
 - Efforts to strengthen governance integration between/among regional partners
 - Assessment of capabilities and gaps in planning for the needs of persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs
- Training and awareness campaigns, including:
 - Active shooter training
 - Shipboard firefighting training
 - Public awareness/preparedness campaigns
 - Maritime domain awareness projects
- Equipment and capital projects, including:
 - Implementing risk management projects that support port resilience and recovery
 - Implementing physical security enhancement projects
 - Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) projects
- Exercises, including response exercises

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entities subject to an area maritime security plan (AMSP), as defined by Title 46, Section 70103(b) of the U.S. Code (U.S.C.), including port authorities. Eligible applicants include but are not limited to port authorities, facility operators, and state, local, and territorial government agencies.

For the purposes of this program, a facility operator is defined as an entity that owns, leases, or operates any structure or facility of any kind located in, on, under, or adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including terminal operators, ferry systems, bar/harbor pilots, and merchant's exchanges.

Eligibility for funding of explosives detection canine teams (EDCTs) is restricted to:

- U.S. ferry systems regulated under Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 101, 103, and 104, and the passenger terminals these specific ferries service under 33 C.F.R. Part 105
- Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA)-regulated facilities
- Port authorities, port police, and local law enforcement agencies that provide direct layered security for these U.S. ferry systems and MTSA-regulated facilities and are defined in the AMSP, facility security plans (FSPs), or vessel security plans (VSPs)

All applicants must be fully compliant with relevant maritime security regulations under Title 33, Parts 101-106 of the C.F.R.

Prior to receiving awards, award recipients must ensure and maintain adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

An eligible entity may submit no more than one application within each port area. Large projects that implement multiple components in multiple port areas should be submitted as separate applications. The funding agency will generally view multiple agencies within a local government operating within one port area as a single eligible entity. An eligible entity operating multiple facilities, departments, subcomponents, or agencies within a single port area may choose to submit separate applications for facilities, departments, subcomponents, or agencies within it; however, any such separate applications will be considered part of the same eligible entity for purposes of the program's matching requirements. In general, each individual facility, department, subcomponent, or agency of a single eligible entity should submit no more than one application.

Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$100 million is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program.

In general, all applicants, with the exception of private, for-profit entities, must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants that are private, for-profit entities must provide at least 50 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

The following exceptions to the match requirements may apply:

- Projects that have a port-wide benefit need only be funded at the public sector matching level, regardless of applicant entity type
- Matching funds are not required for applicants whose total project requests are less than \$25,000

- Matching funds are not required for projects that train public safety personnel in the enforcement of security zones or in assisting in the enforcement of such security zones

The project period will span 36 months, with a project start date of September 1, 2023, and a projected end date of August 31, 2026. The funding agency may consider formal, written requests with compelling justifications. Extension requests must be submitted at least 120 days prior to the end of the project period.

Costs for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of security equipment or facilities to be used for security monitoring and recording, security gates and fencing, marine barriers for designated security zones, security-related lighting systems, remote surveillance, concealed video systems, security vessels, and other security-related infrastructure or equipment that contributes to the overall security of passengers, cargo, or crew members is limited to \$1 million per project; however, this limitation does not apply to projects funded under other provisions of Section 70107 of the U.S.C.

Costs for explosive detection canine teams (EDCTs) are limited to \$150,000 per year for three years, for a total of \$450,000. Management and administration (M&A) costs are limited to 5 percent of the total award amount.

Applicants must obtain approval from the funding agency for construction or renovation projects.

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<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/port-security>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness. Eligible applicants are states, including the District of Columbia and territories, that contain one or more of the 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), as well as local governments located within one of the 100 most populous MSAs.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$12 million	10
2021	\$12 million	15

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$12 million

Award Range: Up to \$3 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: May 23, 2023

Proposal due: July 24, 2023

Priority will be given to planning efforts that address the needs of disadvantaged communities who might be at special risk because of current and/or future hazards, including those associated with climate change.

[Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Fact Sheet | FEMA.gov](#)



Awardee Profile

City of Boston, MA

AMOUNT: \$2.3 million

YEAR: 2022

The City of Boston, in partnership with Providence, Rhode Island requested funding to develop solutions that address equity and resilience in Southern New England. The grant activities will focus on the most vulnerable neighborhoods and aim to increase their overall resilience to climate and other hazards through data analysis, outreach and education, volunteer coordination, continuity planning, and mitigation efforts.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness. For the purposes of this program, a catastrophic incident is defined as any natural or man-made incident, including an act of terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale, or government functions. This program will provide funding to close known capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional preparedness efforts.

In support of the funding agency's [2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#), equity, climate resilience, readiness, and housing are the strategic priorities of this program. When developing their project proposals, applicants should consider how the proposed project can address these priorities and produce meaningful results, using the Strategic Plan file as a guide.

Applicants must develop and deliver one planning project that addresses specific capability gaps based on Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) results and focuses on the following core capabilities, with an emphasis on disadvantaged communities, within the strategic priorities:

- *Community resilience:* The purpose of this core capability is to enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risk and empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.
- *Long-term vulnerability reduction:* The purpose of this core capability is to build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines to reduce their vulnerability to threats and hazards.
- *Housing:* The purpose of this core capability is to implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, including the District of Columbia and territories, that contain one or more of the 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), as well as local governments located within one of the 100 most populous MSAs.

Applications must be submitted by either the state administrative agency (SAA); the first principal city within the MSA; or a different local government located within the MSA, only if the application includes a signed letter of support from the office of the chief executive of the first principal city.

Funding

In FY 2023, a total of \$12 million is available to support an expected five to ten awards through this program overall, with an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards of up to \$3 million each through this component. The project period is 36 months and is expected to begin on October 1, 2023, and end on September 30, 2026. Applicants must submit their proposal in accordance with their region, as determined by the funding agency (i.e., Region 1-10).

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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[Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program Fact Sheet | FEMA.gov](#)

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2022 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams

Grant Overview

This program will support the rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams (HHPDs) that fail to meet minimum state dam safety standards and pose unacceptable risk to life and property. For the purposes of this program, rehabilitation is defined as the repair, replacement, reconstruction, or removal of dams carried out to meet applicable state dam safety and security standards. Eligible applicants are states with a state dam safety program authorized by state legislation. **Local governments and nonprofits may apply as a subapplicant through their state specific process.**

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$33 million	50

Key Information

Total Funding: \$22 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: 35 percent
Solicitation date: May 15, 2022
Proposal due: July 16, 2022

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/rehabilitation-high-hazard-potential-dams>



Awardee Profile

Maryland Emergency Management Agency, MD

AMOUNT: \$1,279,408

YEAR: 2022

Maryland Emergency Management Agency received funding to distribute to eligible subapplicants to repair or replace high hazard dams throughout the state.

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency

FY 2022 Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to protect lives and property from the risks associated with dams. This program will provide funding to eligible states for pass-through to nonfederal governmental organizations or nonprofit organizations for the rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams (HHPDs) that fail to meet minimum state dam safety standards and pose unacceptable risk to life and property. For the purposes of this program, rehabilitation is defined as the repair, replacement, reconstruction, or removal of dams carried out to meet applicable state dam safety and security standards. This program is intended to incentivize eligible states to:

- Provide financial assistance for repair, removal, or rehabilitation of eligible HHPDs
- Incorporate risk-informed analysis and decision making into dam safety practices and HHPD dam rehabilitation investments
- Incorporate risk analysis results and information and consider all dam risk in state, local, tribal, and territorial mitigation planning
- Promote community preparedness by requiring recipients to develop and implement floodplain management plans that address potential measures, practices, and policies to reduce loss of life, injuries, damage to property and facilities, public expenditures, and other adverse effects of flooding
- Reduce costs associated with dam rehabilitation through the deployment of innovative solutions and technologies

For FY 2022, program priorities include planning, design, and construction activities related to the repair, removal, or rehabilitation of eligible HHPDs. Eligible activities include:

- Planning tasks and activities, studies, and analysis for pre-construction phases; scoping activities; and permit applications
- Preliminary and final design package and required permit approvals
- Construction activities that support dam rehabilitation or removal projects

Projects may also propose additional activities to support program objectives; however, applicants must discuss proposed additional activities with the funding agency for approval and inclusion into the workplan.

All projects must address eligible HHPDs that are regulated by their state dam safety program.

All project activities must be approved by the state dam safety agency. All engineering studies, plans, or design drawings and specifications must also be approved, signed, and stamped by a qualified design professional registered in the state in which the project is located.

In addition, subrecipients must have in place, or plan to develop within two years of the execution of the award agreement and implement within two years of project completion, a floodplain management plan to reduce the impacts of future flood events in the area impacted by the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states with a state dam safety program authorized by state legislation. Each eligible state must designate one state administrative agency (SAA) to serve as the applicant. No more than one application per SAA will be accepted.

Eligible subrecipients are nonfederal governmental organizations, other than the designated SAA, and nonprofit organizations. Subrecipients must also have, or be located in a local jurisdiction with, a local hazard mitigation plan that is approved by the funding agency, includes all dam risks, complies with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and is in place at the time application submission. Eligible subrecipients must apply for and receive subawards directly from the SAA. The SAA must contact potential subrecipients to identify potential eligible subrecipients with an eligible dam that express interest in obtaining a subaward for a specific planning or design project. A state may have multiple subrecipients.

Funding

In FY 2022, a total of \$22 million is available through the following funding sources to support approximately 50 awards through this program:

- Annual appropriation: a total of \$11.64 million is available to support awards for planning and design projects
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: a total of \$10.36 million is available to support awards for construction-ready projects

The total funding available through this program will be allocated as follows:

- Equal distribution: one-third of the total funding available through this program will be distributed equally among states in which proposed projects are located
- Need-based: two-thirds of the total funding available through this program will be distributed among states in which proposed projects are located based on the proportion of the number of eligible high hazard potential dams (HHPDs) in the state to the number of eligible HHPDs in all such states

Applicants must provide at least 35 percent of total eligible project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Awards to each subrecipient provided by the state administrative agency (SAA) may not exceed \$2.75 million. The state administrative agency (SAA) must pass through subawards to eligible subrecipients within 90 calendar days of receipt of awarded funds.

The project period and budget period will span 36 months, with an anticipated start date of September 15, 2022, and an anticipated end date of September 14, 2025.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Public Assistance Program

Grant Overview

This program provides federal funds to assist communities responding to, and recovering from, major disasters or emergencies declared by the president. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. Eligible applicants are states, tribes, and territories. Eligible subrecipients are state and territorial governments, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments including counties and parishes, municipalities, local public authorities, school districts, intrastate districts, councils of government, regional and interstate government entities, agencies or instrumentalities of local government, state-recognized tribes, and special districts, and nonprofits.

Program History

Program history varies and is based upon a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: 25 percent

Solicitation date: Program opens after the announcement of a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration

Proposal due: Rolling deadline

<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>



Tips

- This program only accepts requests for assistance following an applicable [disaster declaration](#)
- Subrecipient applicants must submit requests for public assistance (RPAs) within 30 days after the presidential disaster designation

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2023 Public Assistance Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide federal funds to assist communities responding to, and recovering from, major disasters or emergencies declared by the president. The program provides emergency assistance to save lives and protect property and assists with permanently restoring community infrastructure affected by a federally declared incident. The program also encourages protection of damaged facilities from future events by supporting hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

Disaster recovery activities for eligible facilities must be:

- Required as a result of the declared incident
- Performed within the designated disaster area
- The legal responsibility of an eligible applicant

Eligible activities must fall under one of the following categories:

- Emergency work:
 - Debris removal
 - Emergency protective measures
- Permanent work:
 - Roads and bridges
 - Water control facilities
 - Public buildings and contents
 - Public utilities
 - Parks, recreational, and other facilities

Eligible facilities include buildings, works, systems, equipment, or natural features. Eligible costs include labor costs, equipment, materials, contract work, and direct and indirect administrative costs.

Eligibility is limited to projects located within federally declared disaster areas.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, tribes, and territories. Eligible subrecipients are state and territorial governments, federally recognized tribal governments, local governments including counties and parishes, municipalities, local public authorities, school districts, intrastate districts, councils of government, regional and interstate government entities, agencies or instrumentalities of local government, state-recognized tribes, and special districts, and private nonprofits.

In addition, community development districts that are legally responsible for ownership, maintenance, and operation of an eligible facility that is accessible to the general public are eligible to apply as a subrecipient.

Private nonprofit organizations must demonstrate that the eligible facilities provide a critical educational, utility, emergency, or medical service or a non-critical but essential government service that is open to the general public.

This program only accepts requests for assistance following an applicable disaster declaration. After a disaster declaration, eligible states, tribal governments, and U.S. territories will be recipients of pass-through awards and conduct an applicant briefing to inform eligible subrecipients of the assistance available and how to apply. Subrecipient applicants must submit requests for public assistance (RPAs) within 30 days after the presidential disaster designation. The funding agency may extend the deadline for submitting an RPA if the pass-through applicant submits a request in writing with justification based on extenuating circumstances beyond the pass-through applicant's or subrecipient applicant's control. Disaster declarations will be posted online at www.fema.gov/disasters.

Funding

In FY 2023, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program.

Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

In general, emergency work must be completed within six months, and permanent work must be completed within 18 months. Subrecipients may request an extension of the project period in writing.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, pass-through applicants must provide up to 25 percent of total eligible costs for emergency measures and permanent restoration via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. The pass-through applicant will determine how the required match will be disbursed to subrecipient applicants.

If actual federal obligations, excluding administrative costs, meet or exceed a qualifying threshold, the funding agency may cover up to 90 percent of total eligible costs for emergency measures and permanent restoration. For emergency work, the federal cost share may be increased in limited circumstances, if warranted.

Other federal award funds may be used as a match, provided such use is permitted by statute.

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<https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 HUD Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP): Comprehensive Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. The Comprehensive cohort provides funding to initiate recapitalization investments designed from inception around deep retrofits and focused on innovative energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reductions, green and healthy housing measures, renewable energy generation, use of building materials with lower embodied carbon, and climate resilience investments. Eligibility is limited to applicants that own a property that is assisted under select assistance contracts with the funding agency.

Program History

This is a new program through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$1.47 billion

Award Range: up to \$20 million

Match: Cost of property rehabilitation not covered by GRPP funding

Solicitation Date: May 11, 2023

Proposal Due: May 30, 2024

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips:

- All projects must serve properties in affordable housing communities that serve the lowest-income families and a disproportionate number of older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Preference will be given to applicants that propose one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions (MSIs), that have been historically underserved.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 HUD Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP): Comprehensive Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. The Comprehensive cohort provides funding to initiate recapitalization investments to initiate recapitalization investments designed from inception around deep retrofits and focused on innovative energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reductions, green and healthy housing measures, renewable energy generation, use of building materials with lower embodied carbon, and climate resilience investments.

This program is designed to support a wide range of properties, including those that have not yet developed a recapitalization plan, as well as prioritize properties with high need for investments in energy efficiency, emissions reduction, and climate resilience. Goals of the funding agency's GRRP overall include:

- Reducing energy and water use in HUD-assisted multifamily properties
- Making HUD-assisted multifamily properties more resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from HUD-assisted multifamily properties, both directly and by using materials with less embodied carbon

All projects must achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Lower carbon emissions and improve energy and water efficiency
- Incorporate renewable energy use, where appropriate
- Further climate resilience to better withstand the impacts of natural hazard events and protect residents
- Reduce resident exposure to health risks and environmental hazards
- Improve the quality of HUD-assisted multifamily housing for residents
- Support long-term housing preservation through extended affordability requirements

Projects must also align with the applicable strategic goals and objectives of the funding agency's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. In addition, to the extent feasible, projects must:

- Substantially improve energy and water efficiency and reduce emissions, including moving properties toward net-zero, -zero ready, or -zero over time energy and emissions performance standards
- Address climate resilience, including synergies that can be achieved between efficiency, emissions reduction, and resilience investments
- Enhance indoor air quality and resident health
- Implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation and energy storage
- Minimize embodied carbon and incorporate low-emission building materials or processes
- Support building electrification

The funding agency will develop a recommended scope of work for discussion with the applicant, which will include the following targets for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption:

- Achieve at least a 40 percent or greater reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Achieve at least a 25 percent reduction in energy consumption, unless the funding agency grants an exception in particularly extreme or compelling circumstances

Applicants are encouraged to include integrative design approaches to maximize energy and emissions savings, climate resilience and resident comfort, and health and safety. The assisted units in the proposed property must constitute more than 50 percent of the total dwelling units in the property.

All projects must serve properties in affordable housing communities that serve the lowest-income families and a disproportionate number of older adults and persons with disabilities. Applicants must ensure that persons and communities of color are equitably benefiting from project activities. Preference will be given to applicants that propose one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions (MSIs) that have been historically underserved.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility for this program is unrestricted. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. Eligibility is limited to applicants that own a property that is assisted under select assistance contracts with the funding agency. All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own a property that is assisted under one of the following forms of assistance contracts with the funding agency:
 - Properties assisted by the project-based rental assistance (PBRA) housing assistance payments (HAP) contracts
 - Properties assisted under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 and Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959
 - Properties assisted under Section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
 - Properties assisted under Section 236 of the National Housing Act that are receiving Section 236 interest reduction payments (IRP)
- Have a signed purchase agreement, purchase option, or an agreement or option to enter into a long-term ground leasehold interest of more than 50 years for the property assisted under the programs listed above

All applicants must identify a proposed development team, including, at a minimum, an architect and any developer. The development team must meet the following criteria:

- Both the architect or a member of the architectural team and the owner, or affiliate of the owner, as applicable; developer; consultant; or general contractor must have worked on a project that successfully achieved one of the green certifications in the last ten years
- The owner or developer must have reached completion on at least three multifamily recapitalization transactions within the last five years using financing similar to that proposed for this program and which involved more than \$60,000 per unit of hard construction costs
- All applicants must also meet the threshold requirements.

- Preference will be given to applicants that are designated as a minority-serving institution (MSI), or propose one or more partnerships with MSIs that have been historically underserved. An eligible property may not receive an award under more than one Green and Resilient Retrofit Program.

Applicants or any affiliates of an applicant may receive no more than 3 awards per application period for up to 12 awards in total through this program, unless there is funding remaining after funding all other qualified applications.

Funding

In FY 2023, an estimated \$1.47 billion is available to support approximately 300 awards of up to \$80,000 per unit or \$20 million per property, whichever is less, through this program. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans repayable from surplus cash. In addition to the comprehensive awards detailed above, applicants will also be eligible for the reimbursement of certain costs of utility benchmarking for up to \$2,500 per property, without regard to their ranking and selection for comprehensive award funding.

In limited circumstances, the funding agency may also provide an amortizing loan in addition to the comprehensive award in which the applicant may cover its cost-share obligations. The principal of the amortizing repayment loan will not exceed the lesser of either the required applicant contribution or \$1 million.

The total funding available through this program will be allocated as follows:

- First application period - Due August 31, 2023: approximately \$300 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Second application period - Due November 30, 2023: approximately \$325 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Third application period - Due February 28, 2024: approximately \$325 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Fourth application period - Due May 30, 2024: any remaining funding will be available to support awards under this application period

In addition, the total funding available for each application period will be set aside as follows:

- At least 60 percent of the total available funding for each application period will be set aside for properties utilizing Portfolio Manager
- Up to 40 percent of the total available funding for each application period will be set aside for properties utilizing the Multifamily Building Efficiency Screening Tool (MBEST)

The total funding available for each application period will be also be subject to the following diversity set-aside criteria:

- At least 5 percent of properties awarded will be located in each of the ten U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regions
- At least 15 percent of properties awarded will be located in non-metropolitan areas based on the funding agency's Metropolitan Area Look-Up Tool, which can be found online at www.huduser.gov/portal

Comprehensive awards will be disbursed as set forth in an escrow deposit agreement. Up to 80 percent of the total comprehensive award may be disbursed during the construction period. Remaining funds will be disbursed upon the funding agency's approval of the completion certification.

Costs for identified cost-share items are limited to 50 percent of the total award amount. Costs for identified high-impact GRRP-paid items are limited to 25 percent of the total award amount. Transaction costs are limited to 30 percent of the total award funding dedicated to cost-share items and high-impact GRRP-paid items. Project management costs are limited to 15 percent of the total award funding dedicated to cost-share items and high-impact GRRP-paid items.

The project and budget period will last 48 months.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must cover costs of property rehabilitation that are not covered by funding provided through this program, including the full actual costs of identified owner-paid items as well as the partial costs for identified cost-share items, identified high-impact GRRP-paid items, and transaction costs that are not covered through this program.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP): Elements

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. The Elements cohort provides modest awards designed to add proven and highly impactful climate resilience and carbon reduction measures to the construction scopes of in-progress recapitalization transactions. Eligibility for this program is limited to applicants that own a property that is assisted under select assistance contracts with the funding agency.

Program History

This is a new program funded by the Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$140,000,000

Award Range: Up to \$750,000

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: May 11, 2023

Proposal Due: March 28, 2024

- An owner must select which cohort is most appropriate for any particular property and may submit an eligible property to only one of the cohorts available under the GRRP.

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips:

- All projects must serve properties in affordable housing communities that serve the lowest-income families and a disproportionate number of older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Preference will be given to applicants that are designated as a minority-serving institution (MSI) or propose one or more partnerships with MSIs that have been historically underserved.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP): Elements

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. The Elements cohort is designed to target eligible properties that are pursuing a recapitalization, but have not yet closed on financing, and have an opportunity to make these transactions greener and more climate resilient through targeted upgrades of specific building components. These awards, provided in the form of GRRP Grants or Surplus Cash Loans, will enable owners to include proven and highly impactful climate resilience, energy efficiency, and emission reduction measures in their construction scopes of work.

In particular, this program will provide funding to add proven and highly impactful climate resilience and carbon reduction measures to the construction scopes of in-progress recapitalization transactions. This program is designed to target eligible properties that are pursuing a recapitalization, but have not yet closed on financing, and have an opportunity to make these transactions greener and more climate resilient through targeted upgrades of specific building components. Goals of the funding agency's GRRP overall include:

- Reducing energy and water use in HUD-assisted multifamily properties
- Making HUD-assisted multifamily properties more resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from HUD-assisted multifamily properties, both directly and by using materials with less embodied carbon

All projects must achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Lower carbon emissions and improve energy and water efficiency
- Incorporate renewable energy use, where appropriate
- Further climate resilience to better withstand the impacts of natural hazard events and protect residents
- Reduce resident exposure to health risks and environmental hazards
- Improve the quality of HUD-assisted multifamily housing for residents
- Support long-term housing preservation through extended affordability requirements

Projects must also align with the applicable strategic goals and objectives of the funding agency's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. In addition, to the extent feasible, projects must:

- Substantially improve energy and water efficiency and reduce emissions, including moving properties toward net-zero, -zero ready, or -zero over time energy and emissions performance standards
- Address climate resilience, including synergies that can be achieved between efficiency, emissions reduction, and resilience investments

- Enhance indoor air quality and resident health
- Implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation and energy storage
- Minimize embodied carbon and incorporate low-emission building materials or processes
- Support building electrification

All projects must serve properties in affordable housing communities that serve the lowest-income families and a disproportionate number of older adults and persons with disabilities. Applicants must ensure that persons and communities of color are equitably benefiting from project activities, as detailed on pages 18-19 of the NOFA file. Preference will be given to applicants that propose one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions (MSIs), that have been historically underserved.

Projects will be prioritized in the following order:

- Projects that provide a certification signed by the owner and the architect stating that the applicant has assembled financing to achieve one of the green certifications
- Projects that provide a certification from the architect stating that the proposed property will be fully electrified at completion of the rehabilitation or construction
- Projects that submit their Better Climate Challenge (BCC) sponsor's BCC partnership agreement for their portfolio
- Projects for properties that are located in a Priority Energy Community, as detailed online at energycommunities.gov/priority-energy-communities
- Projects that submit their Better Buildings Challenge (BBC) sponsor's BBC partnership agreement for the proposed property
- All other eligible projects

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility for this program is unrestricted. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. Eligibility is limited to applicants that own a property that is assisted under select assistance contracts with the funding agency.

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own a property that is assisted under one of the following forms of assistance contracts with the funding agency:
 - Properties assisted by the project-based rental assistance (PBRA) housing assistance payments (HAP) contracts
 - Properties assisted under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 and Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959
 - Properties assisted under Section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
 - Properties assisted under Section 236 of the National Housing Act that are receiving Section 236 interest reduction payments (IRP)
- Have a signed purchase agreement, purchase option, or an agreement or option to enter into a long-term ground leasehold interest of more than 50 years for the property assisted under the programs listed above
- Are the sponsor or owner of a property under development through the Section 202 or Section 811 Capital Advance programs and have not yet reached firm commitment

Unless the project consists of solely new construction, the applicant must have commissioned and received a capital needs assessment (CNA) of the proposed property within the past 24 months.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$140 million is available to support approximately 200 awards of up to \$40,000 per unit or \$750,000 per property, whichever is less, through this program. In addition to the Elements awards, applicants will also be eligible for the reimbursement of certain costs of utility benchmarking for up to \$2,500 per property.

The total funding available through this program will be allocated as follows:

- First application period: approximately \$35 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Second application period: approximately \$35 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Third application period: approximately \$35 million will be available to support awards under this application period
- Fourth application period: any remaining funding will be available to support awards under this application period

In addition, the total funding available for each application period will be subject to the following diversity set-aside criteria:

- At least 5 percent of properties awarded will be located in each of the ten U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regions
- At least 15 percent of properties awarded will be located in non-metropolitan areas based on the funding agency's Metropolitan Area Look-Up Tool, which can be found online at www.huduser.gov/portal

The project and budget period will last 36 months.

Applicants or any affiliates of an applicant may receive no more than 4 awards per application period for up to 16 awards in total through this program, unless there is funding remaining after funding all other qualified applications.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants must cover the costs of property rehabilitation that are not covered through this program.

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More information can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) Leading Edge

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. Eligibility for this program is unrestricted.

Program History

This is a new program through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$400 million

Award Range: up to \$10 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: May 11, 2023

Proposal Due: July 31, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips:

- Preference will be given to applicants that propose one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions (MSIs), that have been historically underserved.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Housing

FY 2023 Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) Leading Edge

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted multifamily housing by amplifying recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation, bringing a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents' and properties' exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property when disaster strikes. In particular, this program will provide funding to applicants aiming to quickly meet ambitious carbon reduction, renewable energy generation, use of building materials with lower embodied carbon, and resilience goals without requiring extensive technical assistance from the funding agency. This program is designed to enable property owners to pursue high levels of energy efficiency, electrification, emissions reduction, climate resilience, and the use of low embodied carbon materials. Goals of the program overall include:

- Reducing energy and water use in HUD-assisted multifamily properties
- Making HUD-assisted multifamily properties more resilient to extreme weather events and natural disasters
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from HUD-assisted multifamily properties, both directly and by using materials with less embodied carbon. All projects must achieve one or more of the following objectives:
 - Lower carbon emissions and improve energy and water efficiency
 - Incorporate renewable energy use, where appropriate
 - Further climate resilience to better withstand the impacts of natural hazard events and protect residents
 - Reduce resident exposure to health risks and environmental hazards
 - Improve the quality of HUD-assisted multifamily housing for residents
 - Support long-term housing preservation through extended affordability requirements

Projects must also align with the applicable strategic goals and objectives of the funding agency's FY 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan.

In addition, to the extent feasible, projects must:

- Substantially improve energy and water efficiency and reduce emissions, including moving properties toward net-zero, -zero ready, or -zero over time energy and emissions performance standards
- Address climate resilience, including synergies that can be achieved between efficiency, emissions reduction, and resilience investments
- Enhance indoor air quality and resident health
- Implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation and energy storage

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

- Minimize embodied carbon and incorporate low-emission building materials or processes
- Support building electrification

All projects must pursue one of the net-zero green certifications for the proposed property, and result in a reduction in energy consumption of at least 25 percent, unless the funding agency grants an exception in particularly extreme or compelling circumstances. The assisted units in the proposed property must constitute more than 50 percent of the total dwelling units in the property.

All work and transaction costs necessary to achieve the targeted energy consumption reduction and the qualifying net-zero green certification will be considered the scope of work.

All projects must serve properties in affordable housing communities that serve the lowest-income families and a disproportionate number of older adults and persons with disabilities. Applicants must ensure that persons and communities of color are equitably benefiting from project activities.. Preference will be given to applicants that propose one or more partnerships with minority-serving educational institutions (MSIs), that have been historically underserved.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility for this program is unrestricted. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply.

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own a property that is assisted under one of the following forms of assistance contracts with the funding agency:
- Properties assisted by the project-based rental assistance (PBRA) housing assistance payments (HAP) contracts
- Properties assisted under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 and Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959
- Properties assisted under Section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
- Properties assisted under Section 236 of the National Housing Act that are receiving Section 236 interest reduction payments (IRP)
- Have a signed purchase agreement, purchase option, or an agreement or option to enter into a long-term ground leasehold interest of more than 50 years for the property assisted under the programs listed above

All applicants must identify a proposed development team, including, at a minimum, an architect and any developer. The development team must meet the following criteria:

- Both the architect or a member of the architectural team and the owner, or affiliate of the owner, as applicable; developer; consultant; or general contractor must have worked on a project that successfully achieved one of the green certifications in the last ten years
- The owner or developer must have reached completion on at least three multifamily recapitalization transactions within the last five years using financing similar to that proposed for this program and which involved more than \$60,000 per unit of hard construction costs
- All applicants must also meet the threshold requirements.

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

- Preference will be given to applicants that are designated as a minority-serving institution (MSI), or propose one or more partnerships with MSIs that have been historically underserved. An eligible property may not receive an award under more than one Green and Resilient Retrofit Program.

Applicants or any affiliates of an applicant may receive no more than 3 awards per application period for up to 12 awards in total through this program, unless there is funding remaining after funding all other qualified applications. Funding

- In FY 2023, approximately \$400 million is available to support approximately 100 awards of up to \$60,000 per unit or \$10 million, whichever is less. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans repayable from surplus cash. In addition to the leading edge awards detailed above, applicants will also be eligible for the reimbursement of certain costs of utility benchmarking for up to \$2,500 per property. The total funding available through this program will be allocated as follows:
 - First application period: approximately \$100 million will be available to support awards under this application period
 - Second application period: approximately \$100 million will be available to support awards under this application period
 - Third application period: approximately \$100 million will be available to support awards under this application period
 - Fourth application period: any remaining funding will be available to support awards under this application period

In addition, the total funding available for each application period will be subject to the following diversity set-aside criteria:

- At least 5 percent of properties awarded will be located in each of the ten U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regions
- At least 15 percent of properties awarded will be located in non-metropolitan areas based on the funding agency's Metropolitan Area Look-Up Tool, which can be found [here](#).

Funds may be disbursed at the following milestones:

- Up to 30 percent of the total award amount may be disbursed after receipt and approval by the funding agency of the final closing docket
- Up to 50 percent of the total award amount may be disbursed after the award recipient achieves 50 percent construction completion, as certified by the architect
- Up to 75 percent of the total award amount may be disbursed after the award recipient achieves 75 percent construction completion, as certified by the architect
- Up to 90 percent of the total award amount may be disbursed after completion of construction at the property and the funding agency's receipt and approval of the completion certification package
- All remaining funds may be disbursed upon approval of the completion certification and receipt by the funding agency of evidence that the net-zero green certification has been secured or other documentation of completion of the scope of work

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

The project and budget period will last 36 months.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants must cover the costs of property rehabilitation that are not covered through this program. The provision of cost sharing or leverage will not be considered during the application evaluation process. Contact Information

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2024 WaterSMART Grants: Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project Grants

Grant Overview

The WaterSMART Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing assistance to water managers to develop and update comprehensive drought plans and implement projects that will build long-term resiliency to drought. Eligible applicants are states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other state, regional, or local authorities with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States, as well as nonprofit conservation organizations working in partnership with the entities listed above.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$84 million	36
2022	\$20.5 million	13
2021	\$15.4 million	18

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by category
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: August 7, 2023
Proposal due: October 31, 2023

<https://www.usbr.gov/drought/>



Awardee Profile

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, California

AMOUNT: \$5 million

YEAR: 2023

This project received funding to construct a water treatment and disinfection facility to combat Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2024 WaterSMART Grants: Drought Response Program Drought Resiliency Project Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that build long-term resilience to drought and reduce the need for emergency response actions. Resiliency projects are intended to increase the reliability of water supplies and improve water management.

Efforts to build resiliency that are eligible for support include the following task areas:

- Task A: Increasing the reliability of water supplies through infrastructure improvements, including:
 - System modifications or improvements
 - Constructing or modifying surface water intakes to access supplies when water levels are low (e.g., at dead pool), or to allow access at different locations.
 - Constructing new conveyance system components (pipelines, canals, pumping plants, etc.) to increase flexibility to deliver water from different sources, to facilitate voluntary water marketing or to deliver water from alternative sources.
 - Constructing interties between water conveyance systems to increase options for water deliveries.
 - Installing barriers or other facilities to prevent saltwater intrusion into surface supplies.
 - Storing water and/or recharging groundwater supplies
 - Developing or expanding small-scale surface water storage facilities such as off-stream storage ponds.
 - Installing water towers and storage tanks to store water for municipal and domestic use.
 - Installing recharge ponds or injection wells to increase recharge of surplus, inactive, or reclaimed water. Recharged water can serve multiple purposes such as sustainable conjunctive use in times of drought, deterring saltwater.
 - Developing alternate sources of water supply including water treatment
 - Constructing or expanding small-scale water treatment facilities to treat impaired groundwater, municipal wastewater, stormwater runoff, for environmental, agricultural, or potable purposes.
 - Constructing stormwater capture and reuse systems, including green stormwater infrastructure solutions such as rain gardens, cisterns, and bioswales
 - Installing residential grey water and rain catchment systems.
- Task B: Increasing the reliability of water supplies through groundwater recovery through:
 - Constructing wells to provide back-up water supplies during times of drought.

- Constructing extraction wells at groundwater banks or other recharge areas to improve extraction and return capabilities during dry years.
- **Task C:** Improving water management through decision support tools, modeling, and measurement, including:
 - Developing water management and modeling tools to help communities evaluate options and implement strategies to address drought.
 - Installing water measurement equipment and monitoring instrumentation devices to accurately track water supply conditions.
- **Task D:** Construction of domestic water supply projects of which the primary purpose is to provide domestic water supplies to Tribal or disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water supplies. This can include the development of new supplies and/or associated infrastructure for treatment and delivery. Projects need to demonstrate that the primary purpose of the proposed project is to provide domestic water supplies to communities or households that do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies and that the project will benefit Tribes or disadvantaged communities.

Proposed projects must include activities beyond routine water management required by state law for conservation and efficiency and must have ongoing benefits to build long-term resilience to drought. In addition, projects should help avoid the need for emergency response actions, such as water hauling programs and temporary infrastructure. Applicants must also demonstrate that the proposed project is supported by an existing drought planning effort.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other state, regional, or local authorities with water or power delivery authority. Applicants must be located in the western U.S., which includes the states and territories of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Additionally, nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of an entity described above are eligible.

Applicants may seek funding under one application for multiple project components that include one or a combination of tasks if the project components are interrelated or closely related (e.g., a project to construct a new storage and conveyance system [Task A] coupled with a decision support tool for operation of the system [Task C]). However, if the projects are only loosely related, separate applications need to be submitted.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an estimated 25-40 awards through this program. Awards are provided through three separate funding groups:

- **Group I:** Up to \$500,000 will be available for projects generally completed within two years
- **Group II:** Up to \$2,000,000 will be available for projects completed within three years and funded on an annual basis, contingent upon future appropriations
- **Group III:** Up to \$5,000,000 will be available for larger projects completed within three years and funded on an annual basis, contingent upon future appropriations

- Domestic Water Supply Projects for Tribes or Disadvantaged Communities: Up to \$10,000,000 will be available for the construction of domestic water supply projects for Tribes or disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water supplies and will be completed within three years

The anticipated award date is October 31, 2024.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants applying for funding under Tasks A-C must be capable of cost sharing 50 percent or more of the total project costs. Applicants applying for funding through Task D must provide a five percent cost-share of the total project's costs.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2023-2024 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for collaborative planning and design projects to support water management improvements. Water Strategy Grants and Project Design Grants eligible applicants are divided into two categories. Category A applicants are states, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Category B applicants are nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of, an entity described in Category A. Drought Contingency Planning eligible applicants are a state, Tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery.

Program History

This is a new program.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$35 million

Award Range: Varies by project type up to \$400,000

Match: up to 50 percent

Solicitation date: August 7, 2023

Proposal due: This NOFO covers two application submittal periods. Proposals received before October 17, 2023 will be considered for FY 2023 funding. Proposals received after October 17, 2023 and before April 2, 2024 will be considered for FY 2024 funding.

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- Note that funding to develop a water marketing strategy – formerly funded through Water Marketing Strategy Grants, a stand-alone funding opportunity under WaterSMART – is now available through Water Strategy Grants.
- In exceptional circumstances and upon request of the applicant, Reclamation may reduce or waive the non-Federal cost share requirement, if an overwhelming Federal interest and a significant financial need are identified.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

FY 2023-2024 WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide funding for collaborative planning and design projects to support water management improvements. This includes funding for:

- **Water Strategy Grants:** Projects to conduct planning activities to improve water supplies (e.g., water supplies to disadvantaged communities that do not have reliable access to water, water marketing, water conservation, drought resilience, and ecological resilience).
- **Project Design Grants:** Projects to conduct project-specific design for projects to improve water management or water supplies
- **Drought Contingency Planning:** Proposals to develop a new or update an existing Drought Contingency Plan

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are broken down as follows:

Water Strategy Grants and Project Design Grants

- **Category A applicants:** States, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and other organizations with water or power delivery authority. All applicants must be located in one of the following States or territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- **Category B applicants:** Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of, an entity described in Category A. All Category B applicants must be located in the United States or the specific territories identified above. Category B applicants must include with their application a letter from the Category A partner stating that the Category A partner:
 - is acting in partnership with the applicant;
 - agrees to the submittal and content of the application;
 - and intends to participate in the project in some way, for example, by providing input, feedback, or other support for the project.

Drought Contingency Planning

- A State, Tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery in one of the following states or territories: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas,

Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands.

Funding

For FY 2023 and FY 2024, approximately \$35 million is available to support an estimated 60-70 awards through this program. Awards are provided through two separate funding groups:

- Water Strategy and Project Design Grants:
 - Maximum Award: \$400,000.00
 - Minimum Award: \$100,000.00
- Drought Contingency Planning:
 - Maximum Award: \$400,000.00
 - Minimum Award: \$25,000.00

Project awards for Water Strategy Grants and Project Design Grants will be made through grants or cooperative agreements as applicable to each project. Project awards for Drought Contingency Planning will be made through cooperative agreements.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicant cost-share requirements for projects will depend on the project type as follows:

- Water Strategy Grants and Project Design Grants: Applicants must be capable of cost sharing 25 percent or more of the total project costs.
- For all other projects, applicants must be capable of cost sharing 50 percent or more of the total project costs.
- Drought Contingency Plans: In exceptional circumstances and upon request of the applicant, Reclamation may reduce or waive the non-Federal cost share requirement, if an overwhelming Federal interest and a significant financial need are identified.
- Proposals for the planning or design of projects the purpose of which is to provide domestic water supplies to disadvantaged communities may be eligible for 0% nonfederal cost share

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Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

FY 2022-2023 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation

Grant Overview

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program provides funding for projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. Eligible applicants include states, political subdivisions of a state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, Indian tribes, a Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States, and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities.

Program History

This is a new program funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$848 million

Award Range: Varies by category

Match: Varies by category

Solicitation date: April 21, 2023

Proposal due: August 18, 2023

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347585>



Tips

- The program includes four distinct categories: Planning Grants, Resilience Improvement Grants, Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants
- Projects should align with the Biden-Harris Administration policies and priorities, including DOT's Strategic Plan goals of Safety, Economic Strength and Global Competitiveness, Equity, Climate and Sustainability, Transformation, and Organizational Excellence

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Federal Highway Administration

FY 2022-2023 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. The program aims to reduce damage and disruption to the transportation system, improve the safety of the traveling public, and improve equity by addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities that are often the most vulnerable to hazards.

Projects should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional, or national surface transportation facilities. Furthermore, selected projects should utilize innovative and collaborative approaches to risk reduction, including the use of natural infrastructure, which is explicitly eligible under the program. Also called nature-based solutions, these strategies include conservation, restoration, or construction of riparian and streambed treatments, marshes, wetlands, native vegetation, stormwater bioswales, breakwaters, reefs, dunes, parks, urban forests, and shade trees. They reduce flood risks, erosion, wave damage, and heat impacts while also creating habitat, filtering pollutants, and providing recreational benefits. Projects in the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program have the potential to demonstrate innovation and best practices that State and local governments in other parts of the country can consider replicating.

There are four categories through this program:

- Planning Grants - may be used to develop Resilience Improvement Plans for States and MPO; resilience planning, predesign, design, or the development of data tools to simulate transportation disruption scenarios, including vulnerability assessments; technical capacity building to facilitate the ability of the eligible entity to assess the vulnerabilities of its surface transportation assets and community response strategies under current conditions and a range of potential future conditions; or evacuation planning and preparation.
- Resilience Improvement Grants - may be used to improve the ability of an existing surface transportation asset to withstand one or more elements of a weather event or natural disaster, or to increase the resilience of surface transportation infrastructure from the impacts of changing conditions, such as sea level rise, flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.
- Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants - may be used for activities that strengthen and protect evacuation routes that are essential for providing and supporting evacuations caused by emergency events including activities that will improve evacuation routes, provide safe passage during an evacuation, and reduce the risk of damage to evacuation routes as a result of future emergency events. For routes that inadequately facilitate evacuations, including the transportation of emergency responders and recovery resources, activities include expanding capacity through

- installation of communication and intelligent transportation system equipment and infrastructure, counterflow measures, or shoulders, in addition to constructing new or redundant evacuation routes, acquiring evacuation route or traffic incident management equipment or signage, or ensuring access or service to critical destinations, including hospitals and other medical or emergency services facilities, major employers, critical manufacturing centers, ports and intermodal facilities, utilities, and Federal facilities.
- At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants - may be used for activities to strengthen, stabilize, harden, elevate, relocate or otherwise enhance the resilience of highway and non-rail infrastructure, including: bridges, roads, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle lanes, and associated infrastructure, such as culverts and tide gates to protect highways that are subject to, or face increased long-term future risks of, a weather event, a natural disaster, or changing conditions, including coastal flooding, coastal erosion, wave action, storm surge, or sea level rise, in order to improve transportation and public safety and to reduce costs by avoiding larger future maintenance or rebuilding costs.

Projects should reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, incorporate evidence-based climate resilience measures and features, reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from the project materials, avoid adverse environmental impacts to air or water quality, wetlands, and endangered species, and address the disproportionate negative environmental impacts of transportation on disadvantaged communities. Projects should also address equity and environmental justice, particularly for disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution and climate-related risks, and lack access to nature's benefits. Furthermore, projects should support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and training and placement programs, especially registered apprenticeships, in project planning stages.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include states, political subdivisions of a state and local governments, MPOs, a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, Indian tribes, a Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States, and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities.

Applicants may use one application to submit the same project for multiple funding categories if the project meets the eligibility criteria for multiple categories.

Funding

In FY 2022-2023 \$848 million is available to support awards through this program. Awards vary by category as follows:

- Planning Grants – Up to \$45 million is available to support awards that are at minimum \$100,000. There is no maximum award size.
- Resilience Improvement Grants – Up to \$638 million is available to support awards that are a minimum of \$500,000. There is no maximum award size.
- Community Resilience and Evaluation Route Grants – Up to \$45 million is available to support awards that are a minimum of \$500,000. There is no maximum award size.
- At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants – Up to \$120 million is available to support awards that are a minimum of \$500,000. There is no maximum award size.

Cost-share is not required for Planning Grants. All remaining categories require a 20% match.

The funding agency anticipates awarding between 30 to 40 Resilience Improvement, Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes, and At-Risk Coast Infrastructure grants.

Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year, the funding agency shall use not less than 25 percent for grants to projects located in areas that are outside an urban area with a population over 200,000. Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year, the funding agency shall use not less than 2 percent for grants to Indian Tribes.

Not more than 25 percent will be used for a facility or service for intercity rail passenger transportation.

Awards funded with FY 2022 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2025. Awards funded with FY 2023 funds must be obligated via a signed grant agreement by September 30, 2026.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Federal Transit Administration

FY 2023 Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to reimburse costs that public transportation service providers incurred because of major declared disasters in calendar years 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022, excluding the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, tribal governments, or other FTA award recipients that provide or fund public transportation service.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$513.1 million	91
2020	\$653.2 million	95

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$109,975,497

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: March 27, 2023

Proposal Due: November 2, 2023

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider submitting a single application that includes multiple activities as one project to be evaluated as a consolidated proposal.

Applicants may include projects and operating expenses associated with multiple disaster events in the same application.



Awardee Profile

State of North Carolina

AMOUNT: \$13.4 million

YEAR: 2020

The State of North Carolina was reimbursed \$13.4 million through this program stemming from costs incurred as a result severe storms and flooding in 2018 and 2019, as well as damage due to Hurricane Dorian in September 2019.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation

Agency: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

FY 2023 Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to reimburse costs that public transportation service providers incurred because of major declared disasters in calendar years 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022, excluding the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible projects include public transportation emergency operations, emergency protective measures, emergency repairs, and permanent repairs. For emergency service operations, service must be in addition to, or otherwise different from, regular service. Cost-effective resilience measures may be incorporated into replacement and repair projects.

Funds may be used for disaster response, recovery, and rebuilding activities. Specifically, eligible costs include:

- Evacuations
- Rescue operations
- Moving rolling stock to higher ground to protect it from storm surges
- Additional bus or ferry service to replace inoperable rail service or to detour around damaged areas
- Returning evacuees to their homes after the disaster
- Reestablishing, expanding, or relocating public transportation service before, during, or after the disaster

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are entities that receive transit funding directly from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), including state and local governments, tribal governments, or other FTA award recipients that provide or fund public transportation service. Public transit systems that are not FTA-direct recipients but have incurred eligible expenses may receive funding under this program through a pass-through entity, such as a state or designated recipient.

All award costs must have been, or will be, incurred in a county designated as eligible for any category of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance, or for an event that the President has declared a major disaster under the Stafford Act, other than the COVID-19 pandemic, with an incident period partially or entirely occurring within calendar years 2017, 2020, 2021, or 2022. Costs may also be, or have been, incurred by transit agencies in the geographic area affected by disasters by providing services to persons displaced from such counties.

Funding

A total of \$109,975,497 is available to support awards through this program. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis. The funding agency will grant authority to incur pre-award costs to award recipients for response, recovery, and rebuilding expenses incurred because of major declared disasters occurring in

calendar years 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022. Pre-award authority applies to expenses incurred in preparation for such disasters when forecasts specific to the disasters were available. Funds may not be used for pre-award costs incurred for general disaster preparedness.

Matching and Cost Sharing

No match is required. Applicants may apply for up to 100 percent of project costs.

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Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

FY 2023 Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Grant Overview

The Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program provides funding to increase drinking water system resilience to natural hazards in an underserved community and community that is a disadvantaged community or a community with a population of less than 10,000 individuals. Eligible applicants are state, local, and tribal government public water systems.

Program History

This is a *new* program.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$19 million

Award Range: \$285,000-\$6.65 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: September 5, 2023

Proposal due: November 6, 2023

<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/drinking-water-system-infrastructure-resilience-and-sustainability>



Tips

- Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program Fact Sheet can be found [here](#).
- Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program Webinar can be found [here](#).

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Agency: Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

FY 2023 Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to increase drinking water system resilience to natural hazards in underserved communities that are disadvantaged or serve a population of fewer than 10,000 individuals. For the purposes of this program, resilience is defined as the ability of a community water system or an asset of a community water system, such as the equipment, buildings, land, people, and other components needed to deliver safe and clean water, to adapt to or withstand the effects of a natural hazard without interruption to the corresponding function, or if the function is interrupted, to rapidly return to a normal operating condition. For the purposes of this program, a natural hazard is defined as a natural event, such as earthquake, tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire, drought, freezing, or hydrologic change that threatens the functioning of a community water system. When considering these natural disaster threats, a public water system may take into account risks associated with climate change to ensure that resilience-building activities address future conditions such as increasing or decreasing temperatures, changes in precipitation, and, where applicable, sea-level rise.

Funding must be used for the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation, or maintenance of a project that increases resilience of public water systems to natural hazards through at least one of the following activities:

- Conservation of water or the enhancement of water use efficiency
- Modification or relocation of existing drinking water system infrastructure significantly impaired by natural hazards, or infrastructure that is at risk of being significantly impaired by natural hazards, including risks to drinking water infrastructure from flooding
- Design or construction of desalination facilities to serve existing communities
- Enhancement of water supply through watershed management and source water protection
- Enhancement of energy efficiency or the use and generation of renewable energy in the conveyance or treatment of drinking water
- Measures to increase the resilience of the drinking water system to natural hazards, including planning for analytical considerations and climate change

To obtain necessary support for the anticipated resiliency projects in a community, public education and outreach about the effects of natural hazards and climate change on the access to and availability of safe drinking water is critical, especially in communities historically in need. It is also important for the award recipient to inform the community members about drinking water resiliency projects prior to the start of the project and provide updates as the project proceeds. All applications should describe the proposed approach to provide public education and conduct outreach, and include the costs required to fulfill these activities.

Examples of eligible activities under various types of natural hazards include the following:

- Multiple threats:
 - Training and exercising an emergency response plan
 - Developing or updating continuity of operations plans
- Flooding:
 - Physical hardening
 - Installation of flap valves on low-lying overflow pipes to protect finished water
- Earthquake:
 - Performing an engineering risk analysis and cost estimates pursuant to established standards for evaluating existing structures
 - Retrofitting occupied utility buildings to prevent collapse
- Drought:
 - Implementing a leak detection and repair program to reduce lost water
 - Adding raw water storage and aquifer recharge
- Wildfire:
 - Instituting high fire danger procedures such as smoking bans and fire bans
 - Installing fire-resilient building materials
- Tornado:
 - Reinforcing water tower legs and welds
 - Securing and anchoring any trailers or temporary structures

Funding will be provided for the following program components:

National Priority Area 1: Small-Scale Investments to Help Drinking Water Systems Implementation

Resilience Measures component is to increase drinking water system resilience by implementing smaller-scale resilience projects informed by drinking water system plans.

National Priority Area 2: Large-Scale Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Drinking Water System

Resilience component is to improve drinking water system resilience through large-scale infrastructure improvements and/or optimization of mitigation measures at a drinking water system.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public water systems; water systems located in an area governed by an Indian tribe; and states, on behalf of an underserved community, including the District of Columbia and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Projects must benefit underserved communities. For the purposes of this program, an underserved community is defined by Section 1459A(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) as one that does not have access to household drinking water or wastewater services or is served by a public water system that violates or exceeds a requirement of a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR), including a maximum contaminant level, a treatment technique, or an action level.

Projects must also serve disadvantaged communities or communities with a population of fewer than 10,000 individuals. Each state establishes affordability criteria under Section 1452(d)(3) of the SDWA, and for the purposes of this program, a disadvantaged community is defined as the service area of a

public water system that meets affordability criteria established after public review and comment by the state in which the public water system is located.

For applicants that do not have established affordability criteria under Section 1452(d)(3) of the SDWA, such as territories, projects must serve underserved communities, per SDWA Section 1459A(a), that are communities of fewer than 10,000 individuals that lack the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance a project or activity, per SDWA Section 1459A(c)(2)(B).

For public water systems serving tribes, projects must serve communities that meet the definition of underserved in SDWA Section 1459A(a) and meet the definition of small in SDWA Section 1459A(c)(2)(B). Public water systems serving tribes do not have to serve communities that meet the criteria for disadvantaged communities in Section 1459A(c)(2)(A).

Each application submitted must address only one of this program's two components.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$19 million has been made available for 12-25 awards to be awarded as follows:

National Priority Area 1: Small-Scale Investments to Help Drinking Water Systems Implement Resilience Measures. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$5.7 million in funding for ten to twenty awards ranging from \$285,000 to \$570,000 with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

National Priority Area 2: Large-Scale Infrastructure Improvements to Enhance Drinking Water System Resilience. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$13.3 million in funding for two to five awards ranging from \$2.66 million to \$6.65 million with project periods of one to four years, depending on the amount requested and the overall size and scope of the project(s).

The project period will last one to four years, depending on the requested award amount and the overall size and scope of the project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A non-federal cost share or match is not required.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Environmental Education

FY 2023 Environmental Education Local Grants Program

Grant Overview

This program supports locally focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment. Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, Tribal education agencies, Tribal non-profit organizations, and noncommercial educational broadcasting entities.

Program History

Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	\$3.15 million	33
2021	\$3.22 million	34
2020	\$3.25 million	35

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$3.6 million
Award Range: \$50,000 - \$100,00
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: September 14, 2023
Proposal due: November 8, 2023

- Applications from minority-serving institutions are encouraged.

<https://www.epa.gov/education/grants>



Awardee Profile

Kenai Watershed Forum
Soldotna, AK

AMOUNT: \$98,622

YEAR: 2022

This project will foster interconnectivity between formal environmental education curriculum and traditional ecological knowledge of Alaskan indigenous communities by working with underserved youth and students to infuse traditional application into a culturally sustaining and place-based curriculum.

Department: Environmental Protection Agency

Agency: Office of Environmental Education

FY 2023 Environmental Education Local Grants Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support locally focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills that participants need to make informed decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.

Projects must address at least one of the following education priorities:

- **Community Projects:** Increasing public understanding of the benefits of and participation in environmental stewardship through community collaboration on issues including climate change, water and soil quality, food waste management, management of ecosystem health, and/or local fire or flood prevention. Projects can take place in rural, suburban, and urban settings, in a formal or non-formal educational context, and use outdoor, place-based, experiential, service learning and/or community-focused stewardship activities as the primary teaching tool(s).
- **Career Development:** Educating students of any age group and/or training their educators or community leaders on how to teach, in formal and non-formal settings, about environmental issues, solutions, and stewardship to encourage interest in gratifying careers in the environmental fields. These fields include but are not limited to natural resource conservation and/or management, climate change, water infrastructure, and water and air quality management.
- **Environmental Education Capacity Building:** Building the capacity of agencies and organizations to develop, deliver, and sustain comprehensive environmental education programs on a statewide basis. Capacity building proposals may focus on one state, multiple states, or a region of the country.
- **Environmental Justice:** Activities increasing public awareness and knowledge that disproportionate and adverse environmental, human health, climate-related, and other cumulative impacts are more likely to affect or have affected underserved communities.
- **Indigenous Knowledge:** Educating project participants on the importance of recognizing, understanding, supporting, and incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into strategies aimed at solving local environmental issues.

In addition, projects must address at least one of the following environmental priorities, as well as one of the associated sample topics or other related environmental topics:

- **Addressing Climate Change and Improving Air Quality:**
 - Educate students and community members about the impacts of climate change and explore local adaptation strategies that reduce vulnerability to the harmful impacts of climate change.

- Educate students and community members about the impacts of climate change and explore local mitigation strategies that reduce the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, especially in underserved communities.
- Address gaps between scientific and popular understanding of climate change and climate risk at the local level by exploring local environmental impacts of climate change.
- Increase climate literacy through interactive lessons or action plans designed to engage adults and children of all ages.
- Ensuring clean and safe water:
 - Prevent future water quality and human health issues through appropriate communications about the risks of poor water quality in local areas.
 - Participate in the conservation of quality water resources.
 - Manage nutrients in water systems by reducing the use of non-biodegradable products, pesticides, and/or nutrient runoff from soil.
 - Prevent future water quality and human health issues through appropriate management for flood and hurricane preparedness.
- Cleaning up communities by revitalizing land and preventing contamination:
 - Work to manage food waste for environmental benefits.
 - Increase electronic recycling and other efforts to reduce plastic disposal in landfills.
 - Educate individuals about human health and environmental risks associated with improper management of waste and the benefits associated with reducing trash, non-biodegradable products, and contaminants in waterways.
 - Engage individuals in exploring their local communities to identify previously contaminated sites and develop solutions and actions plans to revitalize the land, making the community safer and greener in the process.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local educational agencies, state education or environmental agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofits, Tribal education agencies, Tribal non-profit organizations, and noncommercial educational broadcasting entities as defined and licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Eligibility requirements apply to both “prime” recipients and all subrecipients.

Partnerships are not required. However, applicants are encouraged to work with partners to develop, design, and implement proposed projects.

Applicants may submit more than one application under this program if each application is for a different project and is separately submitted.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$3.6 million is available to support between 30 to 40 awards nationwide through this program. Awards will range from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The funding agency expects to fund three to four awards for each of the funding agency's ten regional offices.

All award recipients are required to award exactly 25 percent of their award to subrecipients that meet the eligibility criteria for this program through subawards of \$5,000 or less.

The project period may last from one to two years. Projects may begin no earlier than July 1, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions may include salaries, volunteer time, and/or supplies and materials.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Agency: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

FY 2023 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program (EJG2G)

Grant Overview

This program supports and/or creates model state, tribal, local, and territorial government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. Eligible applicants are partnerships between states/commonwealths and community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs), partnerships between instrumentalities of a state and CBOs, partnerships between tribal governments and CBOs, partnerships between local governments and CBOs, U.S. territories, and freely associated states Tribal governments in remote areas.

Program History

This program was formerly known as the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$70 million

Award Range: Up to \$1 million

Match: Not required

Solicitation date: January 10, 2023

Proposal due: April 10, 2022

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- Special consideration will be given to projects that address climate change, disaster resiliency, and/or emergency preparedness or seek to determine the potential effects of a proposed environmental decision on the health of underserved and vulnerable communities and the distribution of those effects within communities

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Agency: Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

FY 2023 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program (EJG2G)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support and/or create model state, tribal, local, and territorial government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. These models should leverage or utilize existing resources or assets of state, tribal, local, and territorial agencies to develop key tools and processes that integrate environmental justice considerations into all levels of government and government programs. The program's goals are to:

- Achieve measurable and meaningful environmental and/or public health results in communities
- Build broad, robust, and results-oriented partnerships, particularly with community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs) within disproportionately impacted areas
- Pilot activities in specific communities that create models that can be expanded or replicated in other geographic areas
- Strengthen the development and implementation of specific approaches to achieve environmental justice

To ensure that projects achieve these goals, applicants should factor in:

- State and local data
- State and local leadership
- State and local results
- Relationships between delegated programs and state, tribal, local, and territorial environmental justice policies
- State, tribal, local, and territorial government targeting of disproportionately burdened areas

Eligible project categories include:

- Community-led air and other pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation; and investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and workforce development that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants
- Mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events
- Climate resiliency and adaptation
- Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution

Eligible project activities include:

- Research that is incidental to the project design
- Public education
- Small-scale construction and demolition work, if needed
- Installation of air- or water-filtration systems
- Major disposal training
- Energy recovery projects training
- Building refurbishments that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants
- Mitigation of pollution
- Remediation of lead or asbestos
- Workforce development to support

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Cleanup of non-hazardous trash in underserved communities, especially where illegal dumping is an ongoing concern
- Development of citizen science monitoring programs to address various environmental contamination issues, including water quality
- Efforts to improve equitable transportation and mobility that encourage mode shift from private vehicles to walking, biking, and public transportation in underserved communities
- Planning and development of environmental justice mapping tools or methodologies to determine potential impacts to underserved communities from multiple disproportionate environmental and/or public health issues
- Monitoring, preventing or remediation of nonpoint or point source releases of waterborne pollutants in underserved communities

Projects are expected to demonstrate a linkage to the funding agency's strategic plan.

Funds may be used for personnel costs, fringe benefits, contractual costs, travel, equipment, supplies, other direct costs, and indirect costs.

The funding agency will give special consideration to projects performed in rural areas. Rural areas, for the purposes of this competition, are defined as one of the following:

- Local areas with populations of 50,000 or less that have limited access to public or private resources commonly found in metropolitan areas
- Community Network areas selected by the [Rural Partners Network](#)
- [Coal and Energy Communities](#)

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are partnerships between states/commonwealths and community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs), partnerships between instrumentalities of a state and CBOs, partnerships between tribal governments and CBOs, partnerships between local governments and CBOs, U.S. territories, and freely associated states Tribal governments in remote areas.

Partnerships must be documented with signed letters of commitment from CBOs.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$70 million in funding is available to support an estimated 70 cooperative agreements of up to \$1 million each through this program. Of the total funding available, \$40 million will be set aside for local governments and tribal governments partnering with community-based organizations (CBOs), and \$30 million will be set aside for states partnering with CBOs and territories, freely associated states, and tribes in remote areas. Additional set-asides apply to this program as follows:

- States, commonwealths, and instrumentalities of states: approximately \$20 million of annual appropriations
- Federally recognized tribes partnering with CBOs: approximately \$20 million
- Local governments partnering with CBOs: approximately \$20 million
- Territories, freely associated states, and remote tribal governments: approximately \$10 million of annual appropriations

Matching funds are not required for this program.

Project periods will span an estimated three years, from October 2023 to October 2026. Applicants should plan to start projects on October 1, 2023.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2023 Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings. Eligible applicants are states (including the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and possessions), federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies and public and private non-profit organizations.

Program History

This is a new federal grant program appropriated through the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$10,670,000

Award Range: Varies

Match: 10 percent

Solicitation date: March 22, 2023

Proposal due: May 9, 2023

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347058>



Tips

- Applicants are encouraged to integrate project activities under a comprehensive smoke management plan at the building or community level, where appropriate.
- Applicants are encouraged to discuss how they will promote and continue or replicate efforts after the project has ended.

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2023 Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings. The funding agency is soliciting applications for projects that support this effort through activities such as:

- smoke readiness planning,
- outreach and training for smoke readiness,
- indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring,
- deployment of portable air cleaners,
- identification and preparation of cleaner air shelters, and
- significant improvements to buildings such as upgrading and repairing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units or systems and weatherization.

Applications must target public buildings or buildings that serve the public.

The degree to which projects demonstrate benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations will be considered in the award of grants from this funding opportunity. The degree to which projects demonstrate benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations will be considered during the award process.

In addition, applicants are encouraged to describe how the proposed project addresses multiple hazards that may be concurrent with wildfire smoke (e.g., extreme heat, power outages, airborne infectious disease outbreaks such as COVID-19), and how the project improves overall capacity to comprehensively address indoor air quality issues.

The funding agency seeks applications from eligible entities to conduct demonstrations, technical assistance, training, education and/or outreach projects that seek to improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings. The agency is requesting applications for the assessment, prevention, control, or abatement of wildfire smoke hazards and related activities that target public buildings and/or buildings that serve the public, but are privately owned or operated.

Activities will improve the capability and capacity of communities and buildings to effectively reduce indoor concentrations of air pollutants in wildfire smoke, especially PM. This may include improvements to building structures, and increasing the capacity of building owners, operators, service providers, occupants, and others to effectively manage buildings during wildfire smoke events. Specific activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Smoke Readiness Planning to develop specific plans, procedures, and decision-making frameworks at the building or community level to be implemented before and during wildfire smoke events.

- Outreach activities such as translation and culturally appropriate adaptation of wildfire smoke preparedness materials, or targeted outreach to members of the public through community organizations and institutions.
- Technical training on the effectiveness and implementation of ventilation and filtration strategies for wildfire smoke mitigation in different types of buildings with various HVAC systems.
- Deployment of portable air cleaners or DIY air cleaners for use in community buildings.
- Indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of wildfire smoke mitigation activities.
- Identification and initial preparation of community cleaner air spaces or cleaner air shelters.
- Significant improvements to buildings such as upgrades and repairs to HVAC units or systems and weatherization. Such activities should include training and planning elements to ensure that improvements are properly maintained and operated.

Applications will be evaluated based on the extent to which applicants demonstrate how the project will effectively address the disproportionate and adverse effects or impacts (e.g., human health, environmental, and/or climate-harms and risks) that have affected and/or currently affect disadvantaged communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states (including the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and possessions), federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies and public and private non-profit organizations.

The term “local educational agency” means a public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary schools or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or of or for a combination of school districts or counties that is recognized in a State as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools. Consistent with the definition of local government, the term public pre-school means any pre-kindergarten program that is funded by any unit of government within a state, including a school district.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately \$10,670,000 is available to support approximately 13-18 cooperative agreements through this program. Awards are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000.

A maximum of \$2,667,500 (25%) of total funding available may go to award recipients in any one State.

Based on the broad spectrum of projects that may be proposed, the estimated amount of funding available to address the priority areas is anticipated to be divided as follows and is subject to change:

- 30% of available funds for smaller awards – awards ranging from \$100,000 up to \$350,000
- 70% of available funds for larger awards – awards ranging from \$350,000 up to \$2,000,000

The project period is up to three years with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2023.

There is a 10% cost share requirement for awards under this announcement. Cost sharing may be waived for facilities located in economically distressed communities. For purposes of this competition and the evaluation

of applications, an “economically distressed community” means a census tract above the 70th percentile (national percentiles, i.e. compared to US) for low income, unemployment rate, or less than high school education using [EJSCREEN](#).

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