

Funding Available for Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants

FEMA today announced the release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. The program provides \$12 million to eligible states and local governments to close known preparedness capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional preparedness efforts, including pandemic preparedness.

Regional Pandemic Preparedness Remains an Objective

The purpose of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP) is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness. The [National Response Framework \(4th edition, 2019\)](#) defines a catastrophic incident as any natural or manmade incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale or government functions. The regional interdependencies of effective prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery activities require a cohesive regional approach to catastrophic planning.

Regional pandemic preparedness remains a program objective this year, with a specific focus on addressing the [Community Lifelines](#) and [Core Capabilities](#) that are essential to pandemic preparedness. In addition, recognizing the value of all-hazards emergency preparedness planning, and consistent with the objectives of the FY 2021 RCPGP, applicants may continue to consider projects that improve capability levels in the Food, Water, and Sheltering Community Lifelines, as measured in the Housing or Logistics and Supply Chain Management Core Capabilities, reported through the [Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment \(THIRA\) / Stakeholder Preparedness Review \(SPR\)](#). Lastly, applicants are encouraged to consider the needs of socially vulnerable populations and involve representatives from the affected communities in the development and execution of the proposed project to ensure their needs are sufficiently addressed.

Awards will be made on a competitive basis to applicants who present an ability to successfully meet the requirements described in the funding notice.

The application period will remain open until 5 p.m. ET on July 16, 2021. Submissions must be made through [Grants.gov](#). The funding notice is available on [Grants.gov](#) (Assistance Listings Number 97.111), as well as on the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.



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