

FEMA Continues to Support National Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces Through the Annual Readiness Cooperative Agreement

Federal Funds Equip Responders Who Provide Lifesaving Support During and Following Disasters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published the notice of funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2026 National Urban Search and Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement. The agreement makes nearly \$55.6M available for teams within the National Urban Search and Rescue System to train, buy supplies and prepare for deploying to federally-supported disasters.

The National Urban Search and Rescue Response System coordinates 28 task forces of search and rescue professionals, enabling them to support state, local, tribal and territorial leaders responding to disasters anywhere in the country. These state- and locally-managed teams primarily serve their communities but are trained and qualified to deploy as a federal asset when state and local capabilities are exceeded. In 2025, task forces deployed to seven major disasters, where they searched over 5,000 buildings and rescued over 200 people.

The application period opened on August 24, 2026, and runs for seven days. The deadline to apply is August 31, 2026.

To read the Notice of Funding Opportunity, visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). For more information on the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, contact your FEMA Regional Office or visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

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