

RIEMA Non-disaster Grant Programs

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Overview

- To build, sustain, and deliver **core capabilities** to achieve the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient Nation
- Gaps are identified during the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process and assessed in the State Preparedness Report (SPR)
- Funding sustains current capability levels and fills identified gaps in **P**lanning, **O**rganization, **E**quipment, **T**raining, and **E**xercise (POETE) activities in order to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover for acts of terrorism or catastrophic events



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Programs

- FEMA, State Homeland Security Program (**SHSP**)
 - The SHSP assists state, tribal and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities and mission areas where a nexus to terrorism exists.
 - No cost share requirement
- FEMA, Emergency Management Performance Grant (**EMPG**)
 - The EMPG Program provides grants to states to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards.
 - Cost share is 50/50
- US DOT, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (**HMEP**)
 - The HMEP program provides assistance to State, Territorial, Tribal, and local public sector employees to plan and train for emergency response to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials transportation
 - Cost share is 80/20



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Funding

- SHSP: \$3,734,500 (federal)
 - At a minimum, 80% of this grant must be passed through RIEMA
 - At a minimum, 25% of SHSP grant funds must be dedicated to Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)
- EMPG: \$3,311,501 (federal) \$3,311,501 (non-federal)
 - \$550,000 allocated to EMPG State and Local Assistance sub-grant program
- HMEP: \$111,915 (federal) \$27,979 (non-federal)
 - Supports Local Emergency Planning Committees, Rhode Island Fire Academy



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Application

- Narrative
 - Introduce agency
 - Describe the challenge, include core capability
 - Outline a project to address challenge, include timelines and milestone
 - Explain how federal money is necessary to accomplish project



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Application

- Budget
 - Use RIEMA Detailed Budget Worksheet
 - Expenses are broken out according to POETE
 - Demonstrate how line item dollar figures are arrived at
 - Include supporting documentation such as estimates or quotes
 - When cost share is applicable, describe anticipated sources of match



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Application

- Best Practices
 - POETE as order of operations
 - For example: an update to emergency response plans requires organizing the purchase of new equipment, which will require training responders, who will then need to exercise the new plan
 - Timeline
 - Any project application should include a beginning and end date
 - Phases of a project include: initiate, plan, execute, control/monitor, close



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Reimbursement

- A complete request for reimbursement should include:
 - RIEMA reimbursement request cover sheet
 - Brief narrative explaining contents of request
 - Invoices and proof of payment are required
 - Demonstrate proper procurement (bids, quotes, sole source justification)
 - When applicable, additional backup may be necessary (receipts, payroll registers, sign in sheets, certificates, agenda or syllabus)



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Notes from the Director:

1. Federal funding is formula-based, level funding is a win
2. Resources are limited, so competition is high
3. Not all projects can be funded, even great ones
4. RIEMA will not issue partial awards
5. Past funding does not guarantee future funding
6. If you have closed a gap, you could be a victim of your own success
7. How will you sustain project when grant is closed?
8. Ensure that your application for SHSP funds align with the THIRA!!!



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Questions?



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