

# Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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**FY 2015 EMPG – Emergency Management Performance Grant**

**\$500,000**

Date Issued: **April 16, 2015**

Application Due: **May 15, 2015**





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### Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) – 2015 \$500,000

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#### Federal Program:

The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program is to provide States with the ability to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). This act authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness, for the protection of life and property in the United States, from hazards, and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal Government, States, and their political subdivisions. Further explanation of this program and guidance can be reviewed in the federal funding opportunity announcement on the FEMA website, as well as the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) website.

#### Federal Objectives:

- Achieving the National Preparedness Goal
- Using Core Capabilities:
  - Preventing a threatened or an actual act of terrorism
  - Protecting our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards
  - Mitigating the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters
  - Responding quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident
  - Recovering through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing, and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic, and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

Further explanation of these objectives, as well as program guidance, can be found in the federal funding opportunity announcement, also located on our website.

#### RIEMA Overview:

In accordance with the federal funding opportunity and guidance, RIEMA is issuing a funding opportunity totaling \$500,000 for all eligible sub-recipients that meet the federal objectives, as well as the RIEMA priorities and objectives outlined below. Applications are due no later than Friday, May 15.



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#### **RIEMA Priorities and Objectives:**

RIEMA has recently completed a statewide all hazard risk analysis through a comprehensive Threat and Hazard Risk Assessment (THIRA) tool that FEMA has provided each state in the nation. This tool assesses thirty-one (31) core capabilities that provide abilities to be able to prepare, mitigate, respond and recover from any threat or event in the State of Rhode Island. Based on this tool, the below capabilities are the highest priority that need sustainment or improvement throughout the State. The criteria to enhance each of these core capabilities are assessed through the categories of planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise (POETE).

In each application submitted, funds will be awarded to eligible entities that target the following priorities. Please use the categories of the POETE to indicate which area of the core capability you are proposing to improve.

#### **RIEMA's Core Capability Priorities:**

##### **1. Public Information and Warning**

**Definition:** Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.

##### **2. Critical Transportation**

**Definition:** Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas.

##### **3. Planning**

**Definition:** Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or community-based approaches to meet defined objectives.



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#### 4. Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

Definition: Build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines so as to reduce their vulnerability to natural, technological, and human-caused incidents by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences related to these incidents.

#### 5. Mass Care Services

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#### 6. Cyber Security

Definition: Protect against damage to, the unauthorized use of, and/or the exploitation of (and, if needed, the restoration of) electronic communications systems and services (and the information contained therein).

#### 7. Operational Communication:

Definition: Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces.

#### 8. Economic Recovery

Definition: Return economic and business activities (including food and agriculture) to a healthy state and develop new business and employment opportunities that result in a sustainable and economically viable community.

More information regarding Core Capabilities can be found here:

<http://www.fema.gov/core-capabilities>

#### **Special Conditions:**

- Sub-recipients must be NIMS Compliant and have an assigned NIMS Compliance Officer
- All sub-recipients are required to be up-to-date with trainings completed, exercises completed, quarterly reports, resource typed forms completed, inventory submitted, and a current EOP on file at RIEMA.



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- SAFECOM – in order to receive interoperability funding the sub-recipient must be compliant with this guidance as stated in the federal funding opportunity announcement.

#### **Eligible Recipients:**

EMPG provides cost reimbursement aid to local governments (state, tribal, local, municipal authorities, and school districts) and certain private non-profit agencies (educational institutions, utilities, emergency services, medical facilities, custodial care facilities and others that provide health and safety services of a governmental nature). All facilities must be open to the general public, and have IRS or state certification of their private, non-profit status.

#### **Application Process:**

Applications will be awarded based on the ability to fill gaps within each of RIEMA's core capability priorities, the additional requirements, as well as meeting the guidance of the EMPG program. Applications for EMPG 2015 awards are being accepted until **Friday, May 15**.

Applications must include:

- A completed Detailed Budget Worksheet. (see Sub-recipient Grant Management Handbook)
- A narrative, on your letterhead, describing the proposed project in as much detail as possible, as well as a timeline to complete the proposed project, including milestones
- Supporting match detail – EMPG is 50/50 match program

Further detail regarding RIEMA Sub-recipient Grant Management Handbook, Detailed Budget Worksheet, and the FEMA FY15 EMPG NOFO are available and can be found here:

<http://www.riema.ri.gov/grants/>

Emergency Management  
Performance Grant (EMPG)  
Program  
Kickoff Meeting

**April 16-17, 2015**



# **Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG)**

- Overview
- Milestones
- Investment Justifications Overview
- Eligibility Requirements
- Application Process
- Joint Review
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## EMPG FY 15 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 activities in order to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover for acts of terrorism or catastrophic events



## EMPG FY 15 Overview

- Total Federal Funding Allocated to RI: **\$3,311,501**
- Breakdown of Funding:
  - Pass Through: **\$500,000 (discretionary)**
- 50/50 - Cost Share/Match
  - Match must be clearly identified in your application



## **EMPG FY 15 Milestones**

- Submission Deadline: **5/15/15**
- Period of Performance Start: **10/1/2015**
- Period of Performance End: **12/30/2016**
- Quarterly Financial Reporting is Required
- Performance Reporting Required:
  - Progress must be detailed and quantified
  - Program, financial monitoring, and corrective action plans are required throughout the Period of Performance



## **Investment Justification Overview (IJ's)**

- The 2015 EMPG requires submission of risk driven, capabilities-based Investment Justification, verification of alignment to State, and regional THIRAs, SPRs, and national priorities.
- Submissions must address potential gaps to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other disasters.



**Our State Priorities as derived from the  
THIRA process:**

- Public Information and Warning
- Critical Transportation
- Planning
- Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
- Mass Care Services
- Cyber Security
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## State Eligibility Requirements

- ✔ National EMAC Membership
- ✔ NIMS Implementation
- ✔ Emergency Operations Plan
- ✔ THIRA
- ✔ State Preparedness Report
- ✔ SAFECOM Compliance for Interoperability Projects



## **Application Process**

### **Required Forms:**

- Project Narrative (signed and on letterhead)**
- Detailed Budget Worksheet (with match clearly defined)**



## **Joint Review – RIEMA & RIAEM**

- A more Collaborative & Transparent Process
- Building & Sustaining Local Capabilities
- Review of Projects not Operating Requests
  
- Peer Review!
- RIAEM Representatives – Scoring & Recommendations
- RIEMA Director – Final Approval
- Feedback to the RIAEM Membership



## *From the Director....*

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1. Federal Level-funding is a win; don't count on increased amounts...
2. Resources are limited, competition is high...
3. Not all projects can be funded, even great ones...
4. No partially-funded projects...
5. Past funding does not guarantee future funding...
6. If you have closed a gap, you could be a victim of your own success (see # 5)...
7. If the funding disappears next cycle, what is your plan to sustain what you have? (see # 1)
8. Ensure that your application for EMPG funds align with the THIRA!!!



# Questions?



# Contact Information

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