

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Application due: August 14, 2026



National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance

Assistance Listing Number: 97.147

Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-26-MT-082-00-99

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Before you begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](https://sam.gov)) and [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov registration (this can take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov registration (this can take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a [Login.gov](https://login.gov) registration as well.

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

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Step 1: Review the Opportunity

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Basic Information

A. Award Facts

Agency Name: U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Resilience, Hazard Mitigation Directorate, Building Science Division, Earthquake and Wind Sciences Branch

Assistance Listing Number: 97.147

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Title: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance

Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-26-MT-082-00-99

Announcement Type: Initial

Expected Award Range: \$100,000 – \$300,000

Expected Total Funding: \$1,503,100

Anticipated Number of Awards: Six awards

B. Executive Summary

The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) is a coordinating program for earthquake monitoring, research, implementation, education, and outreach activities developed and conducted by these four agencies:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- National Science Foundation
- U.S. Geological Survey

The FEMA NEHRP Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance (MSNEA) grant program makes funds available to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education that possess the critical skills necessary to develop and implement regional (multi-state) and/or national earthquake risk mitigation activities.

In accordance with this MSNEA NOFO, awardees are selected by a national review panel comprised of FEMA NEHRP subject matter experts (SMEs), who evaluate each applicant's experience, proposed work plan, deliverable schedule, anticipated outcomes and proposed budget.



Have questions? See [Contacts and Support](#)

Key Dates

Projected Application Start Date: July 13, 2026

Projected Application End Date: August 14, 2026

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: September 30, 2026

Anticipated Award Date: September 30, 2026

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2026

Projected Period of Performance End Date: March 31, 2028

Budget Period: October 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028

All activities funded by the MSNEA grant program must be consistent with the NEHRP vision, mission, and strategic goals.

Eligibility

A. Eligible Entities

Only the following entities or entity types are eligible to apply.

Applicant Eligibility

This funding opportunity is limited to the following applicant types:

- Nonprofit organizations as defined by Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 200.1
- Institutions of higher education as defined by 2 C.F.R. § 200.1

Eligibility is restricted to those nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education, with a demonstrated capability and capacity to develop, promote and deliver national and/or multi-state seismic risk reduction activities referenced in [Appendix 3 - Programmatic Information](#) and a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with staff and leadership at the highest levels of state and federal governments.

Subapplicant Eligibility

Subapplicants and subawards are allowed.

Per 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, “Subaward.” Subaward means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract.

Tribes and tribal nations are an example of a subapplicant. Subapplicants are subject to the same conditions of the award as the pass-through entity.

Subapplicants should not have foreign nationals or noncitizens included. If a subapplicant has foreign nationals, they must be properly vetted and must adhere to all government statutes, policies, and procedures including “staff American, stay in America” and security requirements.

B. Project Type Eligibility

Allowable Project Types

- Seismic community professional development
- Participate in emergency management exercises that substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts
- Business community earthquake risk mitigation
- Update building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances to enhance seismic safety
- National Earthquake Program Manager (NEPM) meeting participation and support

- National earthquake mitigation website development and maintenance
- Seismic mitigation planning
- Promote earthquake insurance
- Increase earthquake awareness and education
- Prepare inventories and conduct seismic safety vulnerability inspections and safety evaluations of buildings, critical structures, and lifeline infrastructure

For more information, see [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).

Unallowable Project Types

Real property and equipment procurement, international travel, construction and renovation costs, retrofits, and earth science related costs are not allowed under this program.

C. Requirements for Personnel, Partners, and Other Parties

Subapplicants/subrecipients should not include foreign nationals or noncitizens. If a subapplicant/subrecipients has foreign nationals, they must be properly vetted and must adhere to all government statutes, policies, and procedures including “staff American, stay in America” and security requirements.

Subapplicants/subrecipients must submit short bios and resumes. This should include the type of entity, organizational leadership, and board members along with both the names and addresses of the individuals. Resumes are subject to approval.

D. Maximum Number of Applications

Only one application per eligible applicant may be submitted as determined by the applicant Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) number.

E. Additional Restrictions

Recipients/subrecipients, and if applicable, applicants/subapplicants, are required to certify their compliance with federal statutes, DHS directives, policies, and procedures.

F. References to Other Eligibility Factors

Please see the following references provided below:

1. “Threshold Review Criteria” subsection
2. “Financial Integrity Criteria” subsection
3. “Supplemental Financial Integrity Criteria and Review” subsection
4. FEMA may request financial information such as the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and bank information as part of the potential award selection. This will apply to everyone who benefits from the award, including subrecipients.
5. See [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#) for more information.

G. Cost Share Requirements

There is no cost share requirement.

H. Cost Share Description, Type, and Restrictions

Not applicable.

I. Cost Share Example

Not applicable.

J. Required Information for Verifying Cost Share

Not applicable.

Maintenance of Effort

Not applicable.

Program Description

A. Program Purpose

The NEHRP MSNEA grant program makes funds available to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education that possess the critical skills necessary to develop and implement regional (multi-state) and/or national earthquake risk mitigation activities (i.e. development and delivery of professional development opportunities; update local building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances; support seismic mitigation planning; participate in emergency management exercises; promote earthquake insurance; increase earthquake awareness and education; prepare inventories and conduct seismic safety vulnerability inspections and safety evaluations of buildings, critical structures, and lifeline infrastructure; etc).

FEMA recognizes that earthquakes cannot be prevented, but their impacts on life, property, and the economy can be managed. The MSNEA grant program prioritizes reducing the risks to life and property from future earthquakes in the U.S. through the establishment and maintenance of an effective earthquake hazards reduction program (i.e. focus on multi-state activities (support to states/territories for most activities found in the Individual State Earthquake Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity and national activities (ShakeOut, QuakeSmart, and support for the National Earthquake Program Managers (NEPM) meeting are examples).

All activities funded by the MSNEA grant program must be consistent with the NEHRP vision, mission, and strategic goals, and ultimately result in a measurable enhancement of National seismic safety and earthquake risk awareness.

Recent accomplishments show that NEHRP funded trainings and resources have been shown to improve the self-reported knowledge and skills of emergency managers, engineers, and other stakeholders involved in earthquake preparedness and response efforts. Stakeholders reported increased understanding of earthquake risk and mitigation actions. Community engagement, education, and awareness activities have also been shown to increase community resilience, which can lead to more

effective emergency repose and recovery. National level exercises have shown coordination between localities, Tribal Nations, state departments, and their respective Emergency Support Function members that increases situational awareness and spotlights needs more quickly. Lastly, multiple recent studies of the NEHRP program have cited state and local community improvements in building codes, increased public awareness and education, and better understanding of earthquake hazards as outcomes of the NEHRP program.

B. Goals and Objectives

FEMA awards competitive grants to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education that possess the critical skills necessary to develop and implement regional (multi-state) and/or national earthquake risk mitigation activities (see [Appendix 2 – FEMA NEHRP Strategic Goals](#)), on behalf of states and territories participating in the FEMA NEHRP State Assistance program (see [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#)). This notice funds multi-state and national activities and is not intended to assist any one particular state or territory.

Priorities include:

- Support for the Eastern and Western assistance regions (see [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#))
- Support for the National Earthquake Program Managers annual meeting
- Support for Seismic Community Professional Development
- Support for Business Sector Outreach (e.g., QuakeSmart)
- Support for the annual earthquake preparedness drills (e.g., ShakeOut) for individual and communities
- Promotion of earthquake insurance
- National Earthquake Program Managers (NEPM) meeting participation and support

C. Performance Measures and Targets

See [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#) for detailed Performance Measures.

D. Federal Assistance Type

Grant

E. Program-Specific Unallowable Costs

Real property and equipment procurement, international travel, construction and renovation costs, retrofits, and research related costs are not allowed under this program.¹

Note: The above may not be exhaustive. Please consult the applicable terms and conditions and with FEMA for more information.

¹ Applicants seeking funding for earth science research or other NEHRP activities not supported by FEMA — including purchasing property or equipment, international travel, construction or renovation, retrofitting, or research-related expenses — should contact the other NEHRP agencies: the United States Geological Survey, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Science Foundation.

F. General Funding Requirements

Costs charged to federal awards (including federal and non-federal cost share funds) must comply with applicable statutes, rules and regulations, policies, this NOFO, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. This includes, among other requirements, that costs must be incurred, and products and services must be delivered within the budget period (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.403\(h\)](#)).

Recipients may not use federal funds or any cost share funds for the following activities:

1. Matching or cost sharing requirements for other federal grants and cooperative agreements (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.306](#)).
2. Lobbying or other prohibited activities under [18 U.S.C. § 1913](#) or [2 C.F.R. § 200.450](#).
3. Prosecuting claims against the federal government or any other government entity (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.435](#)).

G. Prohibition on Covered Equipment or Services

FEMA provides additional resources regarding the prohibition on covered telecommunications equipment and services in its policy titled [Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services](#) (FEMA Policy #405-143-1). This policy outlines specific requirements related to the prohibition. Additionally, FEMA's [Contract Provisions Guide](#) offers sample language for the required contract provisions.

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors or subcontractors must comply with the prohibitions set forth in [Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019](#), which restrict the purchase of covered telecommunications and surveillance equipment and services. See [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471](#), and [Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) for more information.

Prohibition on Covered Foreign Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors or subcontractors must also comply with Section 1825 of the American Security Drone Act of 2023, enacted as part of the [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024](#) (Pub. L. No. 118-31 §§ 1821-33, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.). This provision mandates that, beginning December 22, 2025, no federal funds awarded through a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, or otherwise made available may be used to procure a covered unmanned aircraft system (UAS) that is manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity. Significantly, no funds may be used in connection with the operation of such a drone or UAS. For more information, refer to [Public Law 118-31](#) and [OMB Memorandum M-26-02, Ensuring Government Use of Secure Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Supporting United States Producers](#).

H. Beneficiary and Participant Eligibility

This NOFO and any subsequent federal awards create no rights or causes of action for any beneficiary or participant. Please consult the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, your awarding agency's terms and conditions, and your awarding documents for more details.

I. Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are allowed.

Indirect costs (IDC) are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to specific cost objectives without disproportionate effort. Applicants with a current negotiated IDC rate agreement who desire to charge indirect costs to a federal award must provide a copy of their IDC rate agreement with their applications. Not all applicants are required to have a current negotiated IDC rate agreement. Applicants that are not required to have a negotiated IDC rate agreement, but are required to develop an IDC rate proposal, must provide a copy of their proposal with their applications. Applicants without a current negotiated IDC rate agreement (including a provisional rate) and wish to charge the de minimis rate must reach out to FEMA for further instructions. Applicants who wish to use a cost allocation plan in lieu of an IDC rate proposal must reach out to FEMA for further instructions. As it relates to the IDC for subrecipients, a recipient must follow the requirements of [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.332](#) and [200.414](#) in approving the IDC rate for subawards.

J. Budget Period

There will be only a single budget period with the same start and end dates as the period of performance.

K. Pre-Award Costs

Pre-award costs are not allowed.

L. Management and Administration Costs

Management and Administration (M&A) costs are allowed.

M&A activities are directly related to the management and administration of Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance funds, such as financial management and monitoring. M&A costs are not operational costs. They are the necessary costs incurred in direct support of the grant or as a result of the grant and should be allocated across the entire lifecycle of the grant. Recipients may retain a maximum of 7% of Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance funds awarded for M&A purposes associated with the Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance award. An organization partnering with a recipient (limit one per recipient) may in turn retain 7% of the subaward they receive from the recipient for M&A purposes.

M&A are not overhead costs but are necessary direct costs incurred in direct support of the federal award or as a consequence of it, such as travel, meeting-related expenses, and salaries of full/part-time staff in direct support of the program. As such, M&A costs can be itemized in financial reports.

M. Authorizing Authority

Sections 7704(a)(2)(B) and (b)(2)(A)(i) of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Act of 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-124 (codified as amended at [42 U.S.C. § 7704 et seq.](#))

N. Appropriation Authority

Homeland Security and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026, Pub. L. No. 119-86.



Step 2: Get Ready to Apply

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Submission Requirements and Application Deadlines

A. Registration

You must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account which includes having a UEI. SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

For more detailed instructions for obtaining a UEI number or to register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](https://sam.gov) and click “Get Started.” From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov). You can see step-by-step instructions see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

B. Requesting the Application Package

The application package is accessible in the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. To access the system, go to <https://go.fema.gov/>.

C. Application and Submission Instructions

To apply for an award under this program, all applicants must:

1. Apply for, update, or verify their UEI number and EIN from the Internal Revenue Service;
2. Provide their UEI number in the application;
3. Have an account with login.gov;
4. Register for, update, or verify their [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account and ensure the account is active before submitting the application;
5. Register in FEMA GO, add the organization to the system, and establish the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR). The organization’s electronic business point of contact (eBiz POC) from the SAM registration may need to be involved in this step. For step-by-step instructions, see the [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#);
6. Submit the complete application in FEMA GO; and
7. Always maintain an active SAM registration with current information during which the applicant has an active federal award, an application, or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency. As part of this, applicants must also provide information on an applicant’s immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance within the last three years, if applicable.

Per [2 C.F.R. 25.110\(a\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#), if an applicant is experiencing exigent circumstances that prevents it from obtaining an UEI number and completing SAM registration prior to receiving a federal award, the applicant must notify FEMA as soon as possible. Contact fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov and provide the details of the exigent circumstances.

D. How to Register to Apply

General Instructions

Registering and applying for an award under this program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Below are instructions for registering to apply for FEMA funds. Read the instructions carefully and prepare the requested information before beginning the registration process. Gathering the required information before starting the process will alleviate last-minute searches for required information.

The registration process can take up to four weeks to complete. To ensure an application meets the deadline, applicants are advised to start the required steps well in advance of their submission. Organizations must have a UEI number, EIN, and an active SAM registration.

Obtain a UEI Number

All entities applying for funding, including renewal funding, must have a UEI number.

Obtain Employer Identification Number

In addition to having a UEI number, all entities applying for funding must provide an EIN. The EIN can be obtained from the IRS at [Get an employer identification number](#).

Create a login.gov account

Applicants must have a [login.gov](#) account to register with SAM or update their SAM registration. Applicants can create a login.gov account at [Create an account](#).

Applicants only have to create a login.gov account once. For existing SAM users, use the same email address for both login.gov and SAM.gov so that the two accounts can be linked.

For more information on the login.gov requirements for SAM registration, refer to [SAM.gov](#).

Register with SAM.gov

In addition to having a UEI number, all organizations must register with SAM.gov. Failure to register with SAM.gov will prevent your organization from applying through FEMA GO. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually and must remain active throughout the entire grant life cycle.

For more detailed instructions for registering with SAM.gov, refer to [Register with SAM.gov](#).

Note: per [2 C.F.R. § 25.200](#) applicants must also provide the applicant's immediate and highest-level owner, subsidiaries, and predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance, applicants must also provide the applicant's immediate and highest-level owner, subsidiaries, and predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance within the past three years, if applicable.

Register in FEMA GO, Add the Organization to the System, and Establish the AOR

Applicants must register in [FEMA GO](#) and add their organization to the system. The organization's electronic business point of contact (eBiz POC) from the SAM.gov registration may need to be involved in this step. For step-by-step instructions, see the [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#).

Note: FEMA GO will support only the most recent major release of the following browsers:

- Google Chrome;
- Mozilla Firefox;
- Apple Safari; and
- Microsoft Edge.

Applicants using tablet type devices or other browsers may encounter issues with using FEMA GO.

E. Submitting the Final Application

Applicants will be prompted to submit the standard application information, and any program-specific information required in FEMA GO.

After submitting the final application, FEMA GO will provide either an error message or send an email to the submitting AOR confirming the transmission was successfully received.

F. Application Deadline

August 14, 2026, 5 p.m. Eastern Time

G. Pre-Application Requirements Deadline

Not applicable.

H. Post Application Requirements Deadline

Not applicable.

I. Effects of Missing Deadlines

All applications must be completed in FEMA GO by the application deadline. FEMA GO automatically records proof of submission and generates an electronic date/time stamp when FEMA GO successfully receives an application. The submitting AOR will receive an email with an official date/time stamp and a FEMA GO tracking number to serve as proof of timely submission prior to the application deadline.

Applicants experiencing system-related issues have until 3 p.m. ET on the date applications are due to notify FEMA. No new system-related issues will be addressed after this deadline. Applications not received by the application submission deadline will not be accepted.



Step 3: Write Your Application

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Application Contents and Format

A. Application Requirements

The following forms or information are integrated into the application package in FEMA GO. Applicants should review these forms at [SF-424 Family | Grants.gov](#) before applying to ensure they are providing all required information.

1. SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
2. Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying
3. SF-424A, Budget Information (Non-Construction)
 - If construction is permitted under the program, submit SF-424C, Budget Information (Construction), instead of SF-424A
4. SF-424B, Standard Assurances (Non-Construction)
 - If construction is permitted under the program, submit SF-424D, Standard Assurances (Construction), instead of SF-424B
5. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

B. Required Documents, Content, and Formatting

All applications must be completed in FEMA GO by the application deadline. FEMA GO automatically records proof of timely submission, and the system generates an electronic date/time stamp when FEMA GO successfully receives the application. The individual with the AOR role that submitted the application will also receive the official date/time stamp and a FEMA GO tracking number in an email serving as proof of their timely submission on the date and time that FEMA GO received the application.

Applicants who experience system-related issues will be addressed until 3 p.m. ET on the date applications are due. No new system-related issues will be addressed after this deadline. Applications not received by the application submission deadline will not be accepted.

C. Program-Specific Required Documents and Information

The following program-specific forms or information are required to be submitted in FEMA GO:

1. **Work Plan Narrative.** A summary (narrative) of an applicant's Work Plan for the grant funding that identifies the strategies, goals, and proposed activities and elements demonstrating enhanced seismic safety must be submitted. Work Plans must include expected products and measurable improvements associated with proposed activities, as identified below. Work Plans must also include any intended sub-award plans (see [Appendix 5 - Required Supplemental Documents](#)).
2. **Master Schedule/Deliverable Table.** A sample table that combines the master schedule and deliverable table is found in Appendix 5 and available on FEMA.gov. This one document will combine a schedule of planned activities with milestones and expected dates for completion, along with their associated deliverables (i.e. people trained, publications distributed, conferences/workshops/drills held, policies made, website improvements, etc.).

3. **Grant Budget.** The applicant must provide a detailed budget with planned line-item expenditures listed, to include any supplies or materials for purchase. The budget must be completed within the FEMA GO system for an application to be submitted. The budget must be complete, reasonable, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed project. The budget should provide the basis of computation of all project-related costs, any appropriate narrative, and a detailed justification of Management and Administrative (M&A) costs.
- To prepare the budget, the grantee must use Earned Value Management methodology to report the Budgeted Cost of Work Scheduled (Projected Costs), and the Actual Cost of Work Performed. The budget shall be prepared with Work Breakdown Structure cost categories.
 - Activities and tasks will be categorized in terms of discrete effort and shall correlate directly with the Work Plan master schedule and deliverables identified in the work plan delivery table (see [Appendix 5 – Required Supplemental Documents](#) for more information).
 - MSNEA Grant Program applications may obtain a sample budget spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel source file) on [FEMA.gov](#). Funds will not be made available for obligation, expenditure, or drawdown until the applicant's budget and budget narrative have been approved by FEMA.
 - All applications must include evidence of an applicant's ability to provide the optional cost share (if applicable).
 - Template spreadsheets are available as a reference tool [FEMA.gov](#). For more information, please contact the FEMA Program Office.
4. **Outcomes Report/Logic Model.** The Applicant must include an initial Outcomes Report/Logic Model that includes all proposed activities. Only the "Activities," and "Inputs" need to be included in the initial Logic Model. A sample logic model is available on [FEMA.gov](#).

D. Post-Application Requirements for Successful Applicants

Not applicable.



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Application Review Information

A. Threshold Criteria

FEMA will review applications to ensure eligibility factors defined in the NOFO are met. FEMA will not process incomplete applications for further review and will not consider them for funding. Applicants who submit applications not meeting all eligibility factors or incomplete applications will be notified that they will not be considered for funding.

B. Application Criteria

FEMA will review all applications to ensure compliance with all conditions stated in this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Once FEMA has determined that the application is eligible and complete, FEMA will make funding decisions based on the agency's NEHRP responsibilities and the most effective use of available funds as indicated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The following Programmatic Criteria will apply:

1. The applicant has proposed developing and implementing only those activities as described in [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).
2. The applicant demonstrates the necessary expertise and experience, including technical experience and qualifications, as required to develop, communicate, implement, and manage the activities proposed in their application work plan. This may include information about the qualifications they will use to identify and engage key project personnel and roles, such as seismic design professionals, building officials, or other trained/certified professionals as required for technical activities.
3. The applicant's proposed work plan includes all requested information and employs realistic timetables; proposed projects are deliverable, sustainable, and consistent with the goals and objectives of NEHRP.
4. The application contains all documents and information as described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity, and as explained in [Application Contents and Format](#). Specific note should be taken regarding Program Office requirements under [Submission Requirements and Deadlines](#).
5. The applicant proposes costs that are allowable, reasonable, and cost-effective in relation to proposed projects and tasks.

The full criteria are found in [Appendix 7 - Evaluation and Scoring Criteria](#), which details the specific criteria, and the number of possible points awarded for each of the Project Narrative Requirements.

C. Financial Integrity Criteria

Before making an award, the awarding agency is required to review OMB-designated databases for applicants' eligibility and financial integrity information. This is required by the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 ([Pub. L. No. 116-117, § 2 \(2020\)](#), [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#), and the "Do Not Pay Initiative" ([31 U.S.C. 3354](#))). For more details, please see [2 C.F.R. § 200.206](#).

Thus, the Financial Integrity Criteria may include the following risk-based considerations of the applicant:

1. Financial stability.
2. Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards.
3. History of performance in managing federal award.
4. Reports and findings from audits.
5. Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.

D. Supplemental Financial Integrity Criteria and Risk Review

Before making an award expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, defined at 41 U.S.C. § 134, over the period of performance:

1. The awarding agency is required by [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#) to review or consider certain information found in SAM.gov. For details, please see [2 C.F.R. § 200.206\(a\)\(2\)](#).
2. An applicant may review and comment on any information in the responsibility/qualification records available in [SAM.gov](#).
3. Before making decisions in the risk review required by [2 C.F.R. § 200.206](#), the awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant.

E. Reviewer Selection

The FEMA Program Office will select professional and technical NEHRP subject matter experts to evaluate and select applicants for funding through a national panel review. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a national panel review comprised of personnel from FEMA.

F. Merit Review Process

FY 2026 Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance applications will be evaluated through a two-part review and selection process that encompasses an Initial Eligibility Review and a National Panel Review.

Initial Eligibility Review

Prior to application consideration, FEMA will conduct an initial review of all applications to verify applicant eligibility and ensure each application is complete. FEMA will not process incomplete applications for further review and will not consider them for funding. All eligible and complete applications will progress to the FEMA Program Office where it will be evaluated and scored by a National Panel of FEMA subject-matter experts.

National Panel Review

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a review panel comprised of personnel from FEMA. Applicants that do not meet initial eligibility and application submission requirements will not be evaluated and scored by the national review panel. The review panel will score applications based on specific criteria described in [Appendix 7 - Evaluation and Scoring Criteria](#).

In addition to meeting all programmatic criteria, the following additional factors will be used by the National Review Panel in selecting applications for federal awards:

1. Multi-State Assistance

- FEMA will select one applicant for each of the two assistance regions. Those recipients will provide multi-state assistance for each of the two national multi-state assistance regions (Eastern and Western) as indicated in [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).
- FEMA will select for funding those applicants who demonstrate most clearly in their applications that their proposed activities will result in measurable earthquake risk-reduction and earthquake risk awareness in the region they will be supporting (Eastern or Western region).
- Applicants providing multi-state assistance must be headquartered within one of the two multi-state assistance regions indicated in [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).
- Applicants cannot propose activities that would require the use of FEMA NEHRP Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance funding to provide support to states and territories not listed as Program Participants in [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).
- Applicants cannot propose activities for states and territories outside of the multi-state assistance region where they are headquartered.
- As the program will benefit most from activities designed to benefit the largest number of states and territories within an assigned region, FEMA will prioritize applications that demonstrate the greatest economies of scale for activities proposed in their work plan.

2. National Assistance

- FEMA will select for funding those applicants who demonstrate in their application the greatest likelihood of successfully developing, promoting and implementing national level assistance activities listed in [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#).
- FEMA will prioritize for funding those national level activities that provide the greatest benefit to the largest number of participating states and territories.
- FEMA will prioritize for funding those activities that will result in measurable earthquake risk-reduction and earthquake risk awareness nationally.

G. Final Selection

The National Review Panel will score applications based on specific criteria aligned to the project narrative requirement questions. The FEMA Program Office will review all applications to ensure compliance with grants management principals, such as administrative requirements and cost principals.

The FEMA Program Office will provide notifications by email to those applicants who were selected for grant awards. The notification will also mention if FEMA can fund the full amount requested or only a partial amount depending on priorities for the year and funding resources. Awarded applicants will be given the opportunity to modify and resubmit their application to match the award amount if it's less than what was requested.

Intergovernmental Review

A. Requirement Description and State Single Point of Contact

An intergovernmental review may be required. Applicants must contact their state's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. No further action is needed if you do not find a contact for your state in the [latest version of the SPOC list](#).

Note: This requirement does not apply to tribal governments.



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Award Notices

A. Notice of Award

The AOR should carefully read the federal award package before accepting the federal award. The federal award package includes instructions on administering the federal award as well as terms and conditions for the award.

By applying, applicants agree to comply with the prerequisites stated in this NOFO and the material terms and conditions of the federal award, should they receive an award.

FEMA will provide the federal award package to the applicant electronically in FEMA GO. Award packages include an Award Letter, Summary Award Memo, Agreement Articles, and Obligating Document. An award package notification email is sent by the grant application system to the submitting AOR.

Recipients must accept their awards no later than 30 days from the award date. Recipients shall notify FEMA of their intent to accept the award and proceed with work in the FEMA GO system.

Funds will remain on hold until the recipient accepts the award in FEMA GO and all other conditions of the award have been satisfied, or until the award is otherwise rescinded. Failure to accept a grant award within the specified timeframe may result in a loss of funds.

B. Pass-Through Requirements

Subaward recipients are subject to the same conditions of the award as the pass-through entity.

C. Note Regarding Pre-Award Costs

Even if pre-award costs are allowed, beginning performance prior to award is at the applicant or sub-applicant's own risk.

D. Obligation of Funds

The grant funds are obligated in accordance with applicable laws, and no later than upon award.

E. Notification to Unsuccessful Applicants

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email by the FEMA Program Office after the application period closes.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

A. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Presidential Executive Orders

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Presidential Executive Orders related to grants (also known as federal assistance and financial assistance), the full text of which are incorporated by reference.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in *County of Santa Clara et al. v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-cv-08330-WHO (N.D. Cal.), this requirement does not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, this requirement will immediately become effective. Also, pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in *City of Chicago et al. v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-CV-12765 (N.D. Ill.), this requirement does not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, this requirement will immediately become effective.

In accordance with [Executive Order 14305, Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty \(June 6, 2025\)](#), and to the extent allowed by law, eligible state, local, tribal, and territorial grant recipients under this NOFO are permitted to purchase unmanned aircraft systems, otherwise known as drones, or equipment or services for the detection, tracking, or identification of drones and drone signals, consistent with the legal authorities of state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies. Recipients must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and adhere to any statutory requirements on the use of federal funds for such unmanned aircraft systems, equipment, or services.

Subrecipient Monitoring and Management

Pass-through entities must comply with the requirements for subrecipient monitoring and management as set forth in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.331-333](#).

Termination of a Federal Award

1. The termination condition below applies to the grant award and the “Termination of a Federal Award” term and condition in the FY 2026 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions does not.
2. Termination of the federal award by FEMA
FEMA, in its sole discretion, may terminate the federal award in whole or in part for one of the following reasons consistent with [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#):
 - a. If the recipient or subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award.

- b. With the consent of the recipient, in which case FEMA and the recipient must agree upon the termination conditions. These conditions include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
 - c. If the federal award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. Under this provision, FEMA may terminate the award for these purposes if any of the following reasons apply:
 - i. FEMA determines that a specific award objective is ineffective at achieving program goals as described in this NOFO;
 - ii. FEMA determines that an objective of the award as described in this NOFO will be ineffective at achieving program goals or agency priorities;
 - iii. FEMA determines that the design of the grant program is flawed relative to program goals or agency priorities;
 - iv. FEMA determines that the grant program is not aligned to either the DHS Strategic Plan, the FEMA Strategic Plan, or successor policies or documents;
 - v. FEMA changes or re-evaluates the goals or priorities of the grant program and determines that the award will be ineffective at achieving the updated program goals or agency priorities; or
 - vi. For other reasons based on program goals or agency priorities described in the termination notice provided to the recipient pursuant to [2 C.F.R. § 200.341](#).
 - d. For convenience, including if the award no longer advances the national interest. Termination for convenience only applies to discretionary awards, as that term is defined at [2 C.F.R. § 200.1](#). The term “discretionary award” does not include grants where legislation establishes an entitlement to the funds on the part of the recipient, such as block grants or those awarded based on a statutory formula.
3. Termination of a Subaward by the Pass-Through Entity
- a. The pass-through entity may terminate a subaward in whole or in part for one of the following reasons identified in [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#):
 - i. If the subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award.
 - ii. With the consent of the subrecipient, in which case the pass-through entity and the subrecipient must agree upon the termination conditions. These conditions include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
 - b. If the pass-through entity’s award has been terminated the pass-through entity must terminate its subawards.
4. Termination by the Recipient or Subrecipient
- The recipient or subrecipient may terminate the federal award in whole or in part as identified in [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#) upon sending FEMA or pass-through entity a written notification of the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if FEMA or pass-through entity determines that the remaining portion of the federal award will not accomplish the purposes for which the federal award was made, FEMA or pass-through entity may terminate the federal award in its entirety.
5. Impacts of Termination
- a. When FEMA terminates the federal award in whole or in part before the end of the period of performance due to the recipient’s or subrecipient’s material failure to comply with the terms

and conditions of the federal award, FEMA will report the termination in SAM.gov in the manner described at [2 C.F.R. § 200.340\(c\)](#).

- b. When the federal award is terminated in part or its entirety, FEMA or pass-through entity and recipient or subrecipient remain responsible for compliance with the requirements in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.344](#) and [200.345](#).

6. Notification requirements

FEMA or the pass-through entity must provide written notice of the termination in a manner consistent with [2 C.F.R. § 200.341](#). The federal award will be terminated on the date of the notification unless stated otherwise in the notification.

7. Opportunities to Object and Appeals

Where applicable, when FEMA terminates the federal award, the written notification of termination will provide the opportunity and describe the process to object and provide information challenging the action, pursuant to [2 C.F.R. § 200.342](#).

8. Effects of Suspension and Termination

The allowability of costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient during a suspension or after the termination of a federal award are subject to [2 C.F.R. § 200.343](#).

B. DHS Standard Terms and Conditions

A recipient under this funding opportunity must comply with the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions in effect as of the federal award, unless a term and condition specifically indicates otherwise. The DHS Standard Terms and Conditions are available online and can be found at [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions | Homeland Security](#). For continuation awards, the terms and conditions for the initial federal award will apply unless otherwise specified in the terms and conditions of the continuation award. The specific version of the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions applicable to the federal award will be in the federal award package.

A recipient under this funding opportunity must comply with the FY 2026 Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions, with the following exceptions. The term titled “Communication and Cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Officials” and paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the term titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” do not apply to any federal award under this funding opportunity.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in *County of Santa Clara et al. v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-cv-08330-WHO (N.D. Cal.), the following terms and conditions do not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect: (1) The DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act”; and (2) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “All Executive Orders Related to Grants”. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, both terms will immediately become effective. As stated above, Paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under

the False Claims Act” will not apply even if the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

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Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on October 31, 2025, in *City of Seattle v. Trump, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-01435-BJR (W.D. Wa.), the following terms and conditions do not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect: the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled "Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act ". If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, the term will immediately become effective. As stated above, paragraph (2)(a)(ii) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” will not apply even if the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

Note: While not a requirement in the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, as a best practice, entities receiving funds through this program should ensure that cybersecurity is integrated into the design, development, operation, and maintenance of investments that impact information technology (IT) and/ or operational technology (OT) systems.

Additionally, the recipient and subrecipient must take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information including protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other types of information per [2 C.F.R. § 200.303\(e\)](#).

C. Financial Reporting Requirements

Recipients must report obligations and expenditures through a federal financial report. The Federal Financial Report (FFR) form, also known as SF-425, is integrated in FEMA GO but, for reference, is available online at [Post-Award Reporting Forms](#).

Recipients must submit the FFR quarterly throughout the period of performance (POP) as detailed below:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30

April 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – September 30	October 30

The final FFR is due within 120 calendar days after the end of the POP.

FEMA may withhold future federal awards and cash payments if FFRs are not timely, complete, detailed, and accurate. FFRs showing inadequate progress may also cause future federal awards and cash payments to be withheld.

D. Programmatic Performance Reporting Requirements

1. A Performance Report must be submitted quarterly throughout the POP.
2. A Performance Report must include:
 - a. The status of each funded activity must be updated in Quarterly PPRs (see [Appendix 4– Sample Performance Progress Report](#)). PPRs must detail the following for each activity:
 - i. Activity Name
 - ii. Activity Description
 - iii. Required Performance Measure
 - iv. Required Performance Measure Percent Completion
 - v. Brief narrative of what has been completed during the reporting period, including:
 - a. Method of determining task effectiveness
 - b. Any anticipated challenges and mitigation strategies
3. The Progress Report must be submitted through FEMA GO.
4. Performance Report Due Dates are as detailed below:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – September 30	October 30

E. Closeout Reporting Requirements

Within 120 days after the end of the period of performance, or after an amendment has been issued to close out a federal award, recipients must submit the following:

1. The final request for payment, if applicable.
2. The final FFR.
3. The final progress report detailing all accomplishments.
4. A qualitative narrative summary of the impact of those accomplishments throughout the period of performance.
5. Other documents required by this NOFO, terms and conditions of the federal award, or other DHS Component guidance.

After the awarding agency approves these reports, it will issue a closeout notice. The notice will indicate the period of performance as closed, list any remaining funds to be de-obligated, and address the record

maintenance requirement. Unless a longer period applies, such as due to an audit or litigation, for equipment or real property used beyond the period of performance, or due to other circumstances outlined in [2 C.F.R. § 200.334](#), this maintenance requirement is three years from the date of the final FFR.

Also, pass-through entities are responsible for closing out those subawards as described in [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(e\)](#); subrecipients are still required to submit closeout materials within 90 calendar days of the subaward period of performance end date. When a subrecipient completes all closeout requirements, pass-through entities must promptly complete all closeout actions in time for the recipient to submit all necessary documentation and information to the awarding agency during the closeout of their prime award.

The recipient is responsible for returning any balances of unobligated or unliquidated funds that have been drawn down that are not authorized to be retained per [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(e\)](#).

Administrative Closeout

Administrative closeout is a mechanism for FEMA to unilaterally execute closeout of an award. FEMA will use available award information in lieu of final recipient reports, per [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(h\)-\(i\)](#). It is an activity of last resort, and if FEMA administratively closes an award, this may negatively impact a recipient's ability to obtain future funding.

F. Additional Reporting Requirements

Anytime there is a change in personnel for any of the awardees or if applicable, subrecipients, their information needs to be submitted for approval (all the previous personal information identified).

G. Disclosing Information per 2 C.F.R. § 180.335

Before entering into a federal award, the applicant must notify the awarding agency if it knows that the applicant or any of the principals (as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 180.995](#)) for the federal award:

1. Are presently excluded or disqualified;
2. Have been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against you for one of those offenses within that time period;
3. Are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses listed in [2 C.F.R. § 180.800\(a\)](#); or
4. Have had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

This requirement is fully described in [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#). Additionally, [2 C.F.R. § 180.350](#) requires recipients to provide immediate notice to the awarding agency at any time after entering a federal award if:

1. The recipient learns that either it failed to earlier disclose information as required by [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#);
2. Due to changed circumstances, the applicant or any of the principals for the federal award now meet the criteria at [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#) listed above.

H. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

[Appendix XII to 2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) states the terms and conditions for recipient integrity and performance matters used for this funding opportunity.

If the total value of all active federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts for a recipient exceeds \$10 million at any time during the period of performance:

1. The recipient must maintain the currency of information reported in SAM.gov about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of Appendix XII;
2. The required reporting frequency is described in [paragraph \(d\)](#) of Appendix XII.

I. Single Audit Reports

A recipient expending \$1 million or more in federal awards (as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 200.1](#)) during its fiscal year must undergo an audit. This may be either a single audit complying with [2 C.F.R. § 200.514](#) or a program-specific audit complying with [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.501](#) and [200.507](#). Audits must follow [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F](#), [2 C.F.R. § 200.501](#), and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) [Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards](#).

J. Monitoring and Oversight

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.337](#), DHS and its authorized representatives have the right of access to any records of the recipient or subrecipient pertinent to a federal award to perform audits, site visits, and any other official use. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the recipient's or subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents or the federal award in general.

Pursuant to this right and per [2 C.F.R. § 200.329](#), DHS may conduct desk reviews and make site visits to review and evaluate project accomplishments and management control systems as well as provide any required technical assistance. Recipients and subrecipients must respond in a timely and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to a federal award.

K. Program Evaluation

Title I of the [Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018](#) (Evidence Act), Pub. L. No. 115-435 (2019), urges federal agencies to use program evaluation as a critical tool to learn, improve delivery, and elevate program service and delivery across the program lifecycle. Evaluation means “an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency.” Evidence Act, § 101 (codified at 5 U.S.C. § 311). OMB A-11, Section 290 (Evaluation and Evidence-Building Activities) further outlines the standards and practices for evaluation activities. Federal agencies are required to specify any requirements for recipient participation in program evaluation activities ([2 C.F.R. § 200.301](#)). Program evaluation activities incorporated from the outset in the NOFO, and program design and implementation allow recipients and agencies to meaningfully document and measure progress and achievement towards program goals and objectives, and identify program outcomes and lessons learned, as part of demonstrating recipient performance ([2 C.F.R. § 200.301](#)).

As such, recipients and subrecipients are required to participate in a Program Office (PO) or a DHS

Component-led evaluation, if selected. This may be carried out by a third party on behalf of the PO or the DHS Component. Such an evaluation may involve information collections including but not limited to, records of the recipients; surveys, interviews, or discussions with individuals who benefit from the federal award, program operating personnel, and award recipients; and site visits or other observation of recipient activities, as specified in a DHS Component or PO-approved evaluation plan. More details about evaluation requirements may be provided in the federal award, if available at that time, or following the award as evaluation requirements are finalized. Evaluation costs incurred during the period of performance are allowable costs (either as direct or indirect) in accordance with [2 C.F.R. § 200.413](#).

Recipients and subrecipients are also encouraged, but not required, to participate in any additional evaluations after the period of performance ends, although any costs incurred to participate in such evaluations are not allowed and may not be charged to the federal award.

L. Payment Information

Recipients will submit payment requests in FEMA GO under this program.

Instructions to Grant Recipients Pursuing Payments

FEMA is instituting additional reviews on all grant payments and obligations to ensure allowability in accordance with [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#). These measures will ensure funds are disbursed appropriately while continuing to support and prioritize communities who rely on FEMA for assistance. Once a recipient submits a payment request, FEMA will review the request. If FEMA approves a payment, recipients will be notified by FEMA GO and the payment will be delivered pursuant to the recipient's SAM.gov financial information. If FEMA disapproves a payment, FEMA will inform the recipient.

Processing and Payment Timeline

FEMA must comply with regulations governing payments to grant recipients per [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#). For grant recipients other than States, [2 C.F.R. § 200.305\(b\)\(3\)](#) stipulates that FEMA is to make payments on a reimbursement basis within 30 days after receipt of the payment request, unless FEMA reasonably believes the request to be improper. For state recipients, [2 C.F.R. § 200.305\(a\)](#) instructs that federal grant payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) agreement ("Treasury-State agreement") and default procedures codified at [31 C.F.R. part 205](#) and Treasury Financial Manual 4A-200, "Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies."

Treasury-State agreements generally apply to "major federal assistance programs" that are governed by [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart A](#) and are identified in the Treasury-State agreement in [31 C.F.R. §§ 205.2, 205.6](#). Where a federal assistance (grant) program is not governed by subpart A, payment and funds transfers from FEMA to the state are subject to [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart B](#). Subpart B requires FEMA to "limit a funds transfer to a state to the minimum amounts needed by the state and must time the disbursement to be in accord with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the state in carrying out a federal assistance program or project. The timing and amount of funds transfers must be as close as is administratively feasible to a state's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs" per [31 C.F.R. § 205.33\(a\)](#). Nearly all FEMA grants are not "major federal assistance programs." As a result, payments to states for those grants are subject to the "default" rules of [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart B](#).

If additional information is needed, a request for information will be issued by FEMA to the recipient; recipients are strongly encouraged to respond to any additional FEMA request for information inquiries within three business days. If an adequate response is not received, the request may be denied, and the entity may need to submit a new reimbursement request; this will re-start the 30-day timeline.

Submission Process

All non-disaster grant program reimbursement requests must be reviewed and approved by FEMA prior to drawdowns.

For all non-disaster reimbursement requests (regardless of system), please ensure submittal of the following information:

1. Grant ID / Award Number
2. Total amount requested for drawdown
3. Purpose of drawdown and timeframe covered (must be within the award performance period)
4. Subrecipient Funding Details (if applicable).
 - Is funding provided directly or indirectly to a subrecipient?
 - If **no**, include statement "This grant funding is not being directed to a subrecipient."
 - If **yes**, provide the following details:
 - The name, mission statement, and purpose of each subrecipient receiving funds, along with the amount allocated and the specific role or activity being reimbursed.
 - Whether the subrecipient's work or mission involves supporting aliens, regardless of whether FEMA funds support such activities.
 - Whether the payment request includes an activity involving support to aliens.
 - Whether the subrecipient has any diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.²
5. Supporting documentation to demonstrate that expenses are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary under [2 C.F.R. part 200](#) and in compliance with the grant's NOFO, award terms, and applicable federal regulations.

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As stated above, Paragraph(2)(a)(ii) of the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled "Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government's Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act" will not apply even if any of these preliminary injunctions are stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

Other Information

A. Period of Performance Extension

Extensions to the period of performance are allowed.

Recipients should consult with their FEMA point of contact for requirements related to a performance period extension.

B. Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

FEMA is required to consider effects of its actions on the environment and historic properties to ensure that activities, grants and programs funded by FEMA comply with federal Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies.

Recipients and subrecipients proposing projects with the potential to impact the environment or cultural resources, such as the modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, either new construction or replacement of buildings, structures, and facilities, must participate in the FEMA EHP review process. This includes conducting early engagement to help identify EHP resources, such as threatened or endangered species, and historic properties; submitting a detailed project description with supporting documentation to determine whether the proposed project has the potential to impact EHP resources; and, identifying mitigation measures, alternative courses of action, or both that may lessen impacts to those resources.

FEMA is sometimes required to consult with other regulatory agencies and the public to complete the review process. Federal law requires EHP review to be completed before federal funds are released to carry out proposed projects. FEMA may not be able to fund projects that are not in compliance with applicable EHP laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies. FEMA may recommend mitigation measures, alternative courses of action, or both to lessen impacts to EHP resources and bring the project into EHP compliance. If a proposed project has been evaluated by another federal agency, FEMA may be able to streamline portions of the EHP review by adopting or supplementing previous analyses performed under the National Environmental Policy Act. If a proposed project has previously been reviewed by another federal agency, please provide those documents for FEMA's consideration.

EHP guidance is found at [Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation](#). The site contains links to documents identifying agency EHP responsibilities and program requirements, such as implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act and other EHP laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. DHS and FEMA EHP policy is also found in the [EHP Directive & Instruction](#).

All FEMA actions, including grants, must comply with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) criteria or any more restrictive federal, state, or local floodplain management standards or building code ([44 C.F.R. § 9.11\(d\)\(6\)](#)). For actions located within or that may affect a floodplain or wetland, the following alternatives must be considered: a) no action; b) alternative locations; and c) alternative actions.

The EHP screening form is available at [Environmental & Historic Preservation Grant Preparation](#)

[Resources.](#)

C. Procurement Compliance

When purchasing under a FEMA award, recipients and subrecipients must comply with the federal procurement standards in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.327](#). To assist with determining whether an action is a procurement or instead a subaward, please consult [2 C.F.R. § 200.331](#).

For detailed guidance on the federal procurement standards, recipients and subrecipients should refer to various materials issued by FEMA's Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT). The [Procurement Under Grants Policy Guide \(PUGPG\)](#) and additional resources can be found on the PDAT website at [Procurement and Contracting](#).

When conducting procurement transactions under a federal award, states, Indian Tribes, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and their agencies must follow their own documented procurement policies and procedures as outlined in [2 C.F.R. § 200.317](#). They are also required to comply with rules for domestic preferences ([2 C.F.R. § 200.322](#)), the use of recovered materials ([2 C.F.R. § 200.323](#)), and ensure all necessary contract provisions are included ([2 C.F.R. § 200.327](#)). If these entities do not have documented procurement policies or procedures, they must follow the federal procurement rules listed in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318-200.327](#).

Note: Indian Tribes are exempt from the recovered materials requirements in [2 C.F.R. § 200.323](#).

Local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients must have and use their own documented procurement procedures that reflect applicable state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable federal law and the standards identified in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318-200.327](#).

Important Changes to Procurement Standards in 2 C.F.R. Part 200

On April 22, 2024, OMB updated various parts of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, among them the procurement standards. These revisions apply to all FEMA awards with a federal award date or disaster declaration date on or after October 1, 2024, unless specified otherwise. The changes include updates to the Federal Procurement Standards, which govern how FEMA award recipients and subrecipients must purchase under a FEMA award.

More information on OMB's revisions to the Federal Procurement Standards can be found in [Purchasing Under a FEMA Award: 2024 OMB Revisions Fact Sheet](#).

Threshold Increases Effective October 1, 2025

Effective October 1, 2025, the United States Office of Management and Budget increased the federal micro-purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the federal simplified acquisition threshold from \$250,000 to \$350,000. These updated thresholds now apply to recipient and subrecipient activities under [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#), including procurements and budget approval requests executed on or after October 1, 2025, for all open financial assistance awards.

Procurement Standards: Competition and Conflict of Interest

All procurement transactions under a federal award must provide for full and open competition. To ensure compliance, recipients and subrecipients must avoid practices that restrict competition. Examples of restrictive practices include, but are not limited to:

- Placing unreasonable requirements on firms to qualify to do business;
- Requiring unnecessary experience or excessive bonding;
- Engaging in noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or affiliated companies;
- Awarding noncompetitive contracts to consultants on retainer;
- Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered; and
- Taking arbitrary actions during the procurement process.

Real Conflict of Interest

Under [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(c\)\(1\)](#), local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients must maintain written standards of conduct to address conflicts of interest. Employees, officers, or agents involved in the selection, award, or administration of contracts are prohibited from participating if they have a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict arises when the individual, their immediate family, partner, or an organization they are affiliated with has a financial or other interest in, or stands to benefit from, a firm considered for a contract.

Additionally, officers, employees, and agents may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or subcontractors. However, recipients or subrecipients may establish standards for situations where the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. Violations of these standards must result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the recipient’s or subrecipient’s policies.

Organizational Conflict of Interest

Under [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(c\)\(2\)](#), recipients or subrecipients with a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local, tribal, or territorial (SLTT) government must maintain written standards of conduct to address organizational conflicts of interest. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when a relationship with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary compromises, or appears to compromise, the recipient’s or subrecipient’s impartiality in conducting a procurement action.

Recipients or subrecipients must disclose any potential organizational conflicts of interest in writing to FEMA or the pass-through entity, as required by FEMA policy.

Contractors Drafting Requirements

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.319\(b\)](#), contractors that develop or draft specifications, statements of work, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals are prohibited from competing for those procurements. FEMA considers this an organizational conflict of interest and extends this restriction to contractors who assist recipients or subrecipients in developing grant applications, project plans, or budgets.

This prohibition also applies to former employees who worked on such activities while employed by the recipient or subrecipient. Unless the recipient or subrecipient solicits and awards a contract that explicitly includes both the development and execution of specifications (or similar elements), and the contract was procured in compliance with [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317–200.327](#), federal funds cannot be used to

pay the contractor to perform the work. This rule applies to all contracts funded with federal grant funds, including pre-award costs (e.g., grant writer fees) and post-award costs (e.g., grant management fees).

Supply Schedules and Purchasing Programs

Generally, a recipient or subrecipient may seek to procure goods or services from a federal supply schedule, state supply schedule, or group purchasing agreement.

Information on General Services Administration programs, including multiple award schedules, for states, Indian Tribes, and local governments, and their instrumentalities, can be found in [Purchasing Resource and Support for State and Local Government](#).

Procurement Documentation

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(i\)](#), local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients are required to maintain and retain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records must include, but are not limited to, the rationale for the procurement method, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price. States and Indian Tribes are reminded that in order for any cost to be allowable, it must be adequately documented per [2 C.F.R. §200.403\(g\)](#).

Examples of the types of documents that would cover this information include but are not limited to:

- Solicitation documentation, such as requests for quotes, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals;
- Responses to solicitations, such as quotes, bids, or proposals;
- Pre-solicitation independent cost estimates and post-solicitation cost/price analyses on file for review by federal personnel, if applicable;
- Contract documents and amendments, including required contract provisions; and
- Other documents required by federal regulations applicable at the time a grant is awarded to a recipient.

D. Buy America Preference Requirements for Infrastructure

None of the funds provided under this program may be used for a project for infrastructure unless the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in that infrastructure project are produced in the United States.

Recipients and subrecipients provided funds under this program for an infrastructure project must comply with FEMA's implementation requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act, as detailed in [FEMA's Buy America Preference Policy](#). See also [2 C.F.R. Part 184, Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects](#), and [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\), Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#).

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and

furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For more information about FEMA's implementation of the Buy America Preference, please visit FEMA's Buy America Preference webpage at [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](#).

Waivers

When necessary, recipients (and subrecipients through their pass-through entity) may apply for a waiver from these requirements.

A waiver of the domestic content procurement preference may be granted if FEMA determines that:

- Applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest, or
- The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality, or
- The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

The process for requesting a waiver from the Buy America preference requirements can be found on FEMA's website at ["Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov](#).

Definitions

For definitions of the key terms of the Build America, Buy America Act, please visit [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](#).

E. Mandatory Disclosures

The non-federal entity or applicant for a federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award, [2 C.F.R. § 200.113](#).

F. Adaptive Support

Pursuant to [Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#), recipients of FEMA financial assistance must ensure that their programs and activities do not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities.

G. Record Retention

Record Retention Period

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-federal entity records pertinent to a federal award generally must be maintained for at least three years from the date the final FFR is submitted per [2 C.F.R. §200.334](#). Further, if the recipient does not submit a final FFR and the award

is administratively closed, FEMA uses the date of administrative closeout as the start of the general record retention period.

The record retention period may be longer than three years or have a different start date in certain cases.

Types of Records to Retain

FEMA requires that recipients and subrecipients maintain the following documentation for federally funded purchases:

- Specifications
- Solicitations
- Competitive quotes or proposals
- Basis for selection decisions
- Purchase orders
- Contracts
- Invoices
- Cancelled checks

H. Actions to Address Noncompliance

Non-federal entities receiving financial assistance funding from FEMA are required to comply with requirements in the terms and conditions of their awards or subawards, including the terms set forth in applicable federal statutes, regulations, NOFOs, and policies. Throughout the award lifecycle or even after an award has been closed, FEMA or the pass-through entity may discover potential or actual noncompliance on the part of a recipient or subrecipient.

In the case of any potential or actual noncompliance, FEMA may place special conditions on an award per [2 C.F.R. § 200.208](#) and [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#). FEMA may place a hold on funds until the matter is corrected, or additional information is provided per [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#), or it may do both. Similar remedies for noncompliance with certain federal civil rights laws are authorized pursuant to [44 C.F.R. Part 7](#) and [44 C.F.R. Part 19](#) or other applicable regulations.

If the noncompliance is not able to be corrected by imposing additional conditions or the recipient or subrecipient refuses to correct the matter, FEMA may take other remedies allowed under [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#).

I. Audits

FEMA grant recipients are subject to audit oversight from multiple entities including the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG), the GAO, the pass-through entity, or independent auditing firms for single audits, and may cover activities and costs incurred under the award. Auditing agencies such as the DHS OIG, the GAO, and the pass-through entity (if applicable), and FEMA in its oversight capacity, must have access to records pertaining to the FEMA award.



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Contacts

A. Program Office

The FEMA Headquarters Program Office contacts will provide programmatic support and technical assistance to grant recipients awarded under this NOFO.

Additional guidance and information may be obtained by contacting the Program Office via email at FEMA-NEHRP@fema.dhs.gov.

A list of contact information for Headquarters and Regional Program Office Contacts is available at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/contacts>

B. FEMA Grants News

FEMA Grants News provides general information on all FEMA grant programs and maintains a comprehensive database containing key personnel contact information at the federal, state, and local levels. FEMA Grants News is reachable at fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 368-6498, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET.

C. Award Administration Division

GPD's Award Administration Division (AAD) provides support regarding financial matters and budgetary technical assistance. AAD can be contacted at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.

D. Procurement Under Grants Division

The Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) and Buy America Branch (BAB) within GPD's Procurement Under Grants Division offer technical support to ensure compliance with federal procurement and domestic preference standards for FEMA awards. You can reach PDAT at fema-gpd-pdat@fema.dhs.gov and BAB at fema-grants-buyamerica@fema.dhs.gov. When reaching out, please include your FEMA grant program point of contact for reference.

E. FEMA Regional Offices

FEMA Regional Offices also may provide fiscal support, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance. FEMA Regional Office contact information is available at [Regions, States and Territories](#).

F. Civil Rights

Consistent with Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination & Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity, the FEMA Integration and Coordination Division (ICD) is responsible for ensuring compliance with and enforcement of federal civil rights obligations in connection with programs and services conducted by FEMA. They are reachable at fema-ocr@fema.dhs.gov.

G. Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

The FEMA Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (OEHP) provides guidance and

information about the EHP review process to FEMA programs and recipients and subrecipients. Send any inquiries regarding compliance for FEMA grant projects under this NOFO to FEMA-OEHP-NOFOQuestions@fema.dhs.gov.

H. Payment and Reporting

FEMA uses FEMA GO for financial reporting, invoicing, and tracking payments. The Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) method of payment is used for recipients. For any questions about the system, contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk at femago@fema.dhs.gov or (877) 585-3242, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

I. FEMA GO

For technical assistance with the FEMA GO system, please contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk at femago@fema.dhs.gov or (877) 585-3242, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Program Updates

Appendix 1 contains a brief list of changes between FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance funding opportunities.

Changes to the Fiscal Year 2026 FEMA funding opportunity for the Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance Program:

1. Removal of duplicative bullet for the National Earthquake Program Managers Program as an allowable activity as detailed in FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity, Section 3. Program Description.
2. The following statement was added to the Application Contents and Form section, Grant Budget: “Applicants and recipients may choose to use a monthly spreadsheet provided by the respective FEMA Regional Program Office or they may use a separate organizational document that captures all required fields.”
3. Sub-tasks under Allowable Activity 3. Update building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances to enhance seismic safety, were reformatted into a bulleted list in Appendix C – Programmatic Information.
4. A footnote was added in Appendix C – Programmatic Information under Allowable Activities to direct applicants to other non-FEMA NEHRP agencies for earth-science related funding opportunities.

Appendix 2 – FEMA National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Strategic Goals

Appendix 2 provides the FEMA NEHRP Strategic Goals outlined in accordance with the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (PL 94-125) as amended and most recently authorized by the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 2018 (PL 115-307).

The FEMA NEHRP program prioritizes reducing the risks to life and property from future earthquakes in the United States through the establishment and maintenance of an effective earthquake hazards reduction program.

For more information about the FEMA NEHRP vision mission, strategic goals, and program responsibilities, please visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

FEMA's program goals are:

- **Goal 1.** Advance the understanding of earthquake processes and their consequences.
- **Goal 2.** Enhance existing and develop new information, tools, and practices for protecting the nation from earthquake consequences.
- **Goal 3.** Promote the dissemination of knowledge and implementation of tools, practices, and policies, that enhance strategies to withstand, respond to, and recover from earthquakes.
- **Goal 4.** Learn from post-earthquake investigations and enhance the effectiveness of available information, tools, practices, and policies to improve earthquake resilience.

Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information

Appendix 3 contains information on the State Assistance Program Participants, FY 2026 Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance allowable activities and performance measures.

FEMA NEHRP State Assistance Program Participants with Seismic Design Category

Eastern Multi-State Assistance Region of the Nation

The Eastern Multi-State Assistance Region is composed of 11 states and territories representing (6) high-risk and (5) very high seismic risk areas, including:

- Alabama – High
- Arkansas – Very High
- Illinois – Very High
- Indiana – High
- Kentucky – Very High
- Mississippi – High
- Missouri – Very High
- Puerto Rico – High
- South Carolina – Very High
- Tennessee – Very High
- Virgin Islands - High

Western Multi-State Assistance Region of the Nation

The Western Multi-State Assistance Region is composed of 11 states and territories representing (5) high-risk and (6) very high-risk areas, including:

- Alaska – Very High
- Arizona – High
- California – Very High
- Hawaii – Very High
- Idaho – High
- Montana – High
- Nevada – Very High
- New Mexico -- High
- Oregon – Very High
- Utah – High
- Washington – Very High

Allowable Activities

The following activities are considered allowable under the FY 2026 Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance funding opportunity. All activities must ultimately result in a measurable enhancement of seismic safety and/or earthquake risk awareness. All activities must be consistent with current FEMA NEHRP or other FEMA technical guidance and publications. The associated required performance measure is listed for each allowable activity.

Applicants for this funding opportunity may apply to support National Level Assistance Activities, Multi-State

Earthquake Assistance Activities, or any combination of both.

Applicants must state the intended level of assistance for each proposed allowable activity:

- Multi-State Earthquake Assistance is intended to provide assistance specifically to multiple states and territories within the Eastern or Western Assistance Regions of the Nation. Multi-state assistance is limited to states and territories with high or very-high seismic risk areas.
- National Earthquake Assistance is intended to provide assistance across regional, state and territory boundaries to high and very-high seismic risk areas.
- Combination of both Multi-State and National earthquake assistance.

National Level Assistance Activities

1. Seismic community professional development.

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used for the following tasks:

- Training the professional community to be better advocates for earthquake resilience and mitigation.
- Educating the professional community about the latest research and science in earthquake risk reduction.
- Producing and disseminating publications and mitigation resources.
- Encouraging effective multidisciplinary, multi-state coordination and partnership for pre- and post-disaster planning.
- Supporting the professional growth of individuals who will contribute to the vitality and strength of NEHRP.

2. Earthquake preparedness drills for individuals and communities

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used for the following tasks:

- Development, promotion and administration of national-level individual earthquake preparedness drills that focus on individual response to earthquakes.
 - Drills should incorporate both the Drop, Cover and Hold On response principle of self-protection during earthquakes.
 - Steps that individuals and families can take to reduce their risk by recognizing and mitigating non-structural hazards in their homes, businesses, and other public places.

3. Business community earthquake risk mitigation.

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used for the development, promotion, and administration of national-level outreach activities that specifically address earthquake risk mitigation in the business community. This activity includes the continuing development and promotion of the FEMA NEHRP initiative known as “QuakeSmart,” an initiative to help businesses in at-risk earthquake communities implement earthquake risk mitigation actions.

4. Update building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances to enhance seismic safety

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used for the development, promotion and administration of national-level outreach and awareness activities specifically designed to increase seismic building code awareness, adoption, and enforcement.

Tasks may include development of national-level stakeholder partnerships to include engagement with the insurance industry, private sector, and other stakeholder groups.

If this activity is proposed for funding, the FEMA Program Office recommends the use of [FEMA P-2055](#) series of publications which includes:

- [FEMA P-2055-1 Guidance for Accelerated Building Reoccupancy Programs](#)
- [FEMA P-2055 Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance Report on the Current State of Practice including Recommendations Related to Structural and Nonstructural Safety and Habitability](#)
- [FEMA P-2055-2 Recommendations for Cordoning Earthquake-Damaged Buildings](#)

5. National Earthquake Program Managers (NEPM) meeting participation and support

Multi-state and national Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used for participation in and support of the National Earthquake Program Managers (NEPM) meeting. If this activity is proposed, the eligible applicant may request reimbursement of actual travel and meeting registration costs incurred to attend the National Earthquake Program Managers (NEPM) meeting. Management and support for this event may be a shared responsibility with more than one grant recipient. This activity may include web-based support and assistance. This activity does not include coordinating or funding travel to the meeting.

All travel costs incurred must comply with [2 CFR § 200.475 Travel costs](#).

6. National earthquake mitigation website development and maintenance

Multi-state and national Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used to develop and maintain websites that promote and encourage the reduction of earthquake risk through the development and dissemination of information related to the assessment and mitigation of earthquake risk, post-earthquake clearinghouse and field reconnaissance information dissemination, and coordination between federal, state, non-profit and private sector earthquake program managers.

7. Increase earthquake awareness and education

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used to increase earthquake awareness and education on a national level. This may include conducting earthquake education, outreach, and public awareness activities that may assist the public in preparing for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from earthquakes. Projects proposed under this activity should integrate risk reduction messaging into most or all of the tasks under this activity. Applicants must detail how materials will be developed and disseminated to all appropriate audiences.

The FEMA Program Office recommends that states and territories consider [FEMA's earthquake guidance](#) and [materials](#) before and during development of local earthquake awareness and education materials.

Multi-state Earthquake Assistance Activities

1. Seismic mitigation planning

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used to provide support for states and territories with high to very high-risk of earthquakes related to developing, updating, or enhancing seismic components of the mitigation planning process. This may include developing or supporting

seismic mitigation planning and policies, establishing or supporting public and private partnerships, providing forums for information exchange, and developing and or delivering multi-state training.³

2. Earthquake preparedness drills for individuals and communities

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used to provide support for emergency management exercises that substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts. Assistance should be provided to multiple states and territories within the eastern or western region for exercises that benefit more than one state. Exceptions may be authorized for territories that are geographically distant from other states and territories. In these cases, support may be provided to an individual territory.

3. Promote earthquake insurance

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance funding may be used to provide support for whole community preparedness through education, awareness and outreach activities that promote property owners and renters purchasing earthquake insurance. If this activity is proposed for funding, all associated materials and communications developed must not promote, nor create the appearance of promoting, specific vendor(s) and/or insurance company(s).

4. Increase earthquake awareness and education

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance funding may be used to assist with increasing earthquake awareness and education across multiple states by multi-state earthquake education, outreach, and public awareness activities. This may include supporting public access to locality-specific information that may assist the public in preparing for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from earthquakes. This includes the development of materials and their wide dissemination to all appropriate audiences.

The FEMA Program Office recommends that states and territories consider [FEMA's earthquake guidance](#) and [materials](#) before and during development of local earthquake awareness and education materials.

5. Prepare inventories and conduct seismic safety vulnerability evaluations and safety evaluations of buildings, critical structures, and lifeline infrastructure.

Multi-state and National Earthquake Assistance grant funding may be used to plan, execute and manage property inventories and conduct seismic vulnerability and safety evaluations of buildings, critical structures and lifeline infrastructure (including residential housing).

If this activity is proposed for funding, the FEMA Program Office recommends the use of:

- [FEMA P-154 Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards](#)
- [FEMA P-2055 Series Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance](#)

This may include the following tasks:

- Assisting with planning, training, field data collections and evaluations, data analysis and management, report formulation, staffing, and other actionable and measurable tasks in direct support of this allowable activity.

³ Applicants seeking funding for earth science research or other NEHRP activities not supported by FEMA—including purchasing property or equipment, international travel, construction or renovation, retrofitting, or research-related expenses—should contact the other NEHRP agencies: the United States Geological Survey, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Science Foundation.

- Applicants may also propose assisting in developing action plans for incorporating information regarding seismically vulnerable structures identified during the conduct of this activity in State Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Performance Measures

The Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program recognize the importance of collecting complete, accurate, and reliable performance data since this helps determine progress toward achieving program, Department and Agency goals.

The construction of an effective performance measure is based on four criteria. It must be:

- **Valid.** The Performance Measure can produce results from which useful and meaningful conclusions about the effectiveness of the activity can be drawn.
- **Complete.** The Performance Measure must include a clear scope and data collection methodology.
- **Accurate.** The Performance Measure includes a data collection process that ensures data quality while minimizing data collection and reporting errors.
- **Timely.** Data reporting methods and intervals inform timely decision making and comply with all programmatic reporting requirements contained in this notice.

To ensure uniformity in measuring and reporting performance data, all grant recipients will use the information and guidance provided below for the construction of performance measures.

1. General Conditions

All activities funded by the MSNEA Grant Program must be consistent with the stated allowable activities ([see Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#)). All activities funded by the MSNEA Grant Program must ultimately result in a measurable enhancement of seismic safety on a National or Multi-State level. The measure of enhanced seismic safety shall be reported in quarterly performance progress reports (PPRs).

All activities must result in measurable support of one or more of the stated NEHRP Strategic Goals ([see Appendix 2. FEMA NEHRP Strategic Goals](#)). The status of each funded activity must be updated in quarterly PPRs ([see Appendix 4. Sample Performance Progress Report](#)). A performance measure template is available on [FEMA.gov](#).

2. General Performance Measures for Allowable Activities

The following performance measures are required for each respective allowable activity ([see Appendix 3. Programmatic Information, Allowable Activities](#)) and meet the following requirements:

- All activities must ultimately result in enhanced seismic safety on a national or multi-state level.
- Applicants must detail how all proposed activities will enhance seismic safety and/or increased earthquake awareness on a national or multi-state level.
- All applicants must also include a data collection methodology in their workplans for all proposed activities.
- The data collection methodologies must detail how applicants will measure the effectiveness of activity completion.
- Progress under each activity must be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance

progress reports (PPRs) and updates to the logic model.

- The performance measure targets for activities listed below can be negotiated between FEMA and the grant recipient.

Required Performance Measures for Allowable Activities

Each of the below required performance measures align with the allowable activities under this funding opportunity.

National Level Assistance Activities

1. Seismic community professional development

This activity must result in the development and delivery of professional development opportunities for veteran and young professionals. Professional development opportunities may be delivered in a field environment, classroom or web-based, but they must be structured so that they provide comprehensive learning experience and support the two goals of NEHRP. Application work plans and logic models must detail the content of the learning opportunity, how it will be delivered and finally, how it will be assessed.

Periodic updates on the development and delivery of professional development opportunities will be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of professional development opportunities for veteran and young professionals.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 3 for the full period of performance.

2. Participate in emergency management exercises that substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts

Participation in emergency management exercises must substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts that can be documented in after-action reports, activity analysis studies, and/or activity participant surveys.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model how participation in the event and/or exercise will result in increased individual or community earthquake mitigation and/or enhanced seismic safety. Applicant must also document what data collection and analysis tools they will use to determine the effectiveness of the activity. Results of exercise participation, and ongoing actions associated with participation will be reported using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the Logic Model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of individuals and organizations who participated in exercises and drills.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 100 for the full period of performance.

3. Business community earthquake risk mitigation

Activity must contribute to the continuing development and promotion of the FEMA NEHRP initiative known as “QuakeSmart,” an initiative designed to help businesses in at-risk earthquake communities

implement earthquake mitigation activities including both structural and nonstructural earthquake mitigation activities. The effort should also incorporate the purchase of earthquake insurance as a mitigation measure. It is expected that the delivery of this program will include QuakeSmart orientation/training sessions. These sessions may be delivered in-person or may be web-based, but nevertheless should be designed to maximize attendance, and focused on business officers and managers who are in a position to implement supported mitigation activities.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model what data collection methodology they will use to measure the effectiveness of QuakeSmart activities. Progress will be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of National outreach activities that specifically address earthquake risk mitigation in the business community.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 3 for the full period of performance.

4. Update local building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances to enhance seismic safety.

Assistance must result in a report that summarizes how funded activities resulted in meeting NEHRP Strategic Goal 3, Objective 12: Actively engage in the continual development and use of up-to-date seismic design guidelines, standards and building codes, and advocate for their adoption and enforcement at the state, local, tribal, and territorial level. Activities must be consistent with the approved State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Code updates and progress on the creation of the required report will be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance progress reports (PPRs) and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of code implementation activities conducted and included in the final report.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 2 for the full period of performance.

5. National Earthquake Program Manager (NEPM) meeting participation and support.

Management and support of this activity must result in the successful planning, promotion and conduct of the annual National Earthquake Program Manager meeting and training event. This includes overseeing the actions of the NEPM Planning Committee, collaboration with other grant recipients supporting the activity, event registration, selection of official training session, coordination of VIP invitations, selection of appropriate meeting location, the content and logistics of the event, the creation, distribution and collection/analysis of a post-NEPM survey, and ultimately the conduct of the event itself. Applicant must provide a clear and comprehensive plan for meeting this performance measure in their initial work plan and logic model.

Planning Committee Progress will be reported at regular intervals using Quarterly Performance Progress Reports and updates to the Logic Model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of attendees in relation to previous years who met and shared program information with a goal of advancing the nation's earthquake preparedness and risk mitigation efforts.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 50 for the full period of performance.

6. National earthquake mitigation website development and maintenance

Activity must result in the creation of new, or significant enhancements to existing website(s) that promote the reduction of earthquake risks through the established earthquake preparedness and mitigation activities. Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model the specific purpose(s) of the website, intended audience, plan for directing intended audience to the site, and method of determining the success of the site. Website must incorporate accepted information design principals and be compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model what data collection methodology they will use to measure the effectiveness of the websites. Progress on the development or enhancement of websites is to be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of website updates in relation to previous years. These updates must be meaningful when compared to previous years.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 3 for the full period of performance.

7. Increase earthquake awareness and education

The intended earthquake awareness and education efforts/activities must result in a measurable increase in public awareness of earthquake hazards and risks, documented and substantiated by after-action reports, activity analysis studies and/or activity participant surveys. Public awareness and education activities must stimulate behavioral changes to foster a self-help approach to earthquake preparedness, response, and mitigation.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model what data collection methodology they will use to measure the effectiveness of their earthquake awareness and education activities.

Recipients must detail in their quarterly performance progress reports how the proposed awareness and education activities resulted in enhanced seismic safety and or increased earthquake awareness nationally, or within the Multi-State Assistance Region they are supporting.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of outreach and/or marketing plans, educational and/or informational materials, online tools, staffing, workshops, and/or other earthquake awareness and education materials and activities developed to increase awareness of risk reduction initiatives.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 1 for the full period of performance.

Multi-State Earthquake Assistance Activities

1. Support seismic mitigation planning

Assistance must result in developing, updating, or enhancing the seismic components of the mitigation planning process. This may include but is not limited to development and analysis of seismic vulnerability data (excluding earth science research) and collaborative workshops to develop seismic mitigation strategies and support their implementation. These efforts must support Goal 3 of the NEHRP Strategic Plan: Promote the dissemination of knowledge and implementation of tools, practices, and policies that enhance strategies to withstand, respond to, and recover from earthquakes.

The proposed work plan should include information on how recipients will work with State Earthquake Program Managers and State Hazard Mitigation Planners to craft the new or updated plan (established or new coordination meetings, existing plan update processes, etc.).

Progress will be reported at regular intervals using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of seismic components of the mitigation planning process that were developed or updated.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 1 for the full period of performance.

2. Participate in emergency management exercises that substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts

Participation in emergency management exercises must substantially benefit earthquake mitigation efforts that can be documented in after-action reports, activity analysis studies and/or activity participant surveys.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model how participation in the event and/or exercise will result in increased individual or community earthquake mitigation and/or enhanced seismic safety. Applicant must also document what data collection and analysis tools they will use to determine the effectiveness of the activity. Results of exercise participation, and ongoing actions associated with participation will be reported using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the logic model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of individuals and organizations who participated in exercises and drills.
- The measure target for this activity should be greater than 100 for the full period of performance.

3. Promote earthquake insurance

Activity must result in a measurable increase in a community's knowledge of earthquake insurance as a viable earthquake mitigation measure. Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model how and why target audiences (communities) were selected, what outreach and education activities will be used to promote earthquake insurance, and what data collection and analysis tools they will use to determine the effectiveness of the proposed education and outreach activities.

The development of the outreach and education plan, implementation of activities, and the results of activity participation must be reported using quarterly performance progress reports and updates to the Logic Model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of education, awareness and outreach activities that promote the purchase of Earthquake Insurance by property owners.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 1 for the full period of performance.

4. Increase earthquake awareness and education

The intended earthquake awareness and education efforts/activities must result in a measurable increase in public awareness of earthquake hazards and risks, documented and substantiated by after-action reports, activity analysis studies and/or activity participant surveys. Public awareness and education activities must stimulate behavioral changes to foster a self-help approach to earthquake preparedness, response, and mitigation.

Applicants must detail in their initial work plan and logic model what data collection methodology they will use to measure the effectiveness of their earthquake awareness and education activities.

Recipients must detail in their quarterly performance progress reports how the proposed awareness and education activities resulted in enhanced seismic safety and or increased earthquake awareness nationally, or within the Multi-State Assistance Region they are supporting.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of outreach and/or marketing plans, educational and/or informational materials, online tools, staffing, workshops, and/or other earthquake awareness and education materials and activities developed to increase awareness of risk reduction initiatives.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 1 for the full period of performance.

5. Prepare inventories and conduct seismic safety vulnerability inspections and safety evaluations of buildings, critical structures, and lifeline infrastructure

Assistance must ensure that inventories and vulnerability and seismic safety evaluations are conducted in accordance with [FEMA P-154, Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards](#) and [FEMA P-2055 Series Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance](#) and result in the publication of a written report that is to be included as an attachment to the Final Performance Progress Report. The activity and the report must support NEHRP Goal 1: Advance the understanding of earthquake processes and their consequences. Seismic Safety Inspection and Inventory activities must support current State Hazard Mitigation Plans, or include the goal of creating, updating or improving seismic mitigation plans.

If the conduct of the inventories and/or safety inspections is dependent on National Earthquake Technical Assistance Program training, the associated approximate training dates and course titles should be included in the Work Plan. Progress on the conduct of the inventories will also be reported at regular intervals using Quarterly Performance Progress Reports and updates to the Logic Model.

Required Performance Measure:

- Number of seismic vulnerability evaluations and safety inspections of buildings, critical structures, and lifeline infrastructure conducted.
- The measure target for activities should be greater than 10 for the full period of performance.

Performance Report Template

Reporting requirements must be met throughout the life of MSNEA grant award. Grant award recipients must follow the guidance on performance and financial reporting provided in the reporting requirements in [2 CFR § 200 Subpart D - Performance and Financial Monitoring and Reporting](#).

Grant award recipients must submit quarterly performance progress reports in FEMA GO that includes a narrative describing the progress/status of each individual work plan activity, an updated master schedule and deliverable table, and updated grant budget. The FEMA Program Office recommends submitting an updated logic model with every quarterly performance progress report. The quarterly report shall capture both training and publication distribution metrics, document and explain missed milestones, and identify any projects at risk, accompanied by a risk mitigation strategy. A suggested quarterly report template is available for recipient use in [Appendix 4 – Sample Performance Progress Report](#).

The grant budget shall be prepared with work breakdown structure cost categories (sample budget spreadsheets available on [FEMA.gov](#)). Activities and tasks will be categorized in terms of discrete effort and shall correlate directly with deliverables identified in the work plan deliverable table. Reporting is also required on subawards in the same manner as listed above, which based on risk, schedule, or dollar value criticality may potentially impact successful fulfillment of this grant.

Performance Report Deadlines

All performance progress reports are due on a quarterly basis. Each report is due by the 30th (or the first proceeding business day) following the completion of the preceding quarter. The final closeout report is due within 120 days of the end of the period of performance. See [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) for a performance progress report schedule.

Appendix 4 – Sample Performance Progress Report

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Performance Progress Report

[Insert Organization Name]

[Insert Grant Award Number]

Summary of Completed Activities

The summary is intended for the grant recipient to provide an overview of the management of the grant award by detailing updates on all funded activities.

A. Activity Name: [Insert]

Enter the name of each allowable activity funded under the grant award and provide a brief summary of each activity included in the approved work plan. In addition, each activity entry must include a narrative for the applicable required performance measure respective to the awarded activities.

a. Required Performance Measure: [Insert]

Insert the required performance measure. Grant recipients must report on the required performance measures assigned to each allowable activity (see [Appendix 3. Programmatic Information](#)).

b. Required Performance Measure Percent Complete: [Insert]

c. Performance Measure Effectiveness Methodology

Detail your organization's method for determining the effectiveness of this activity. Once the activity has been completed, provide specifics on the data collection and analysis methodology. This information should also be reflected in all logic model updates.

d. Activity Progress Narrative

Provide a brief narrative detailing what has been completed during the reporting period for this activity. You should provide relevant information associated with any accomplishments achieved during the reporting period (e.g., locations, dates, metrics, etc.). Recipients must provide specific metrics to amplify accomplishments (i.e., number of participants, number of trainings, etc.).

e. Challenges

Detail any challenges (risks) you have experienced, or you anticipate that might prevent the successful completion of the activity within the period of performance. If challenges exist, include a mitigation strategy that will be used to ensure the activity(s) are still completed by the end of the period of performance. If challenges do not exist, confirm this within the report.

Appendix 5 – Required Supplemental Documents

Appendix 5 contains information on supplemental documents required at the time of application submission, including a Combined Master Schedule and Deliverable Table, Grant Award Budget, Logic Model, Performance Progress Report, and Statement of Work.

Combined Master Schedule and Deliverable Table

All grant applicants must complete and submit a combined master schedule and deliverable table in FEMA GO to be considered for funding under this funding opportunity. A combined master schedule and deliverable table must be submitted within the FEMA GO system at the time of the application. The combined master schedule and deliverable table should provide a detailed overview of measurable deliverables, budgeted costs, and schedule dates for each proposed allowable activity(s) and task(s). A template combined master schedule and deliverable table is available on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Grant Award Budget

All grant applicants must complete and submit a grant award budget in FEMA GO to be considered for funding under this funding opportunity. The grant award budget must be completed within the FEMA GO system at the time of the application. The budget should provide the basis of computation of all activity-related costs, any appropriate narrative(s), and a detailed justification for inclusion of Management and Administrative (M&A) costs, if applicable. The budget must be complete, reasonable, and cost-effective in relation to the proposed activity. A template grant award budget is available on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Logic Model

All grant applicants must complete and submit a logic model in FEMA GO to be considered for funding under this funding opportunity. The logic model must be uploaded within the FEMA GO system at the time of application. The logic model must demonstrate (or graphically represent) the “logical relationship between inputs (resources and activities), outputs (products), and outcomes (i.e., behavioral changes, policy changes, measurable improvements in risk reduction). Each applicant is required to create and submit an initial logic model that includes all proposed activities as a part of their work plan. A template logic model is available on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Statement of Work

All grant applicants must complete and submit a statement of work in FEMA GO to be considered for funding under this funding opportunity. The statement of work must be uploaded within the FEMA GO system at the time of application. The statement of work is intended to provide a detailed narrative of proposed activities and associated performance measures, a project management strategy, and organization entity information.

The following components are required to be included in all applicant statements of work:

1. Organizational Information

Applicants must provide a detailed description of the organization’s mission, structure, goals, and targeted outcomes. Applicants should also provide contact information for all project management staff.

2. Proposed Activities and Associated Performance Measures

Applicants must provide a detailed narrative description of each proposed activity and the associated required performance measurement (see [Appendix 3 – Programmatic Information](#)).

Applicants must clearly indicate any activities and/or tasks that require technical experience and qualifications, as required to develop, communicate, implement, and manage the activities proposed in the application work plan. Applicants must also describe any planned engagement of qualified seismic design professionals, building officials, or other trained/certified professionals to the proposed activities to satisfy this need.

3. Project Management Strategy

Applicants must provide a project management strategy demonstrating the organization's plan to accomplish all activities proposed for funding and meeting all required performance measurement goals.

The project management strategy should include the following information:

- Compliance with the requirements of the grant
- Reasonableness of goals and objectives
- Brief overview of the credentials of the project manager and/or team and the processes involved in accomplishing the work plan(s).
- Financial management controls used to ensure compliance.
- Challenges and associated mitigation plans.
- Coordination with FEMA offices and programs.
- Development of Performance Measures.
 - If a subcontractor will be utilized to complete an activity, provide the contact information, and contract details. Alternatively, describe plans to competitively bid the subcontracted scope.
 - Include information about stakeholder engagement and coordination with the FEMA Regional Program Office.

Appendix 6 – Monitoring and Enhanced Monitoring Plan

Appendix 6 contains an overview of programmatic monitoring of Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance awards, including both baseline and enhanced monitoring.

Baseline Monitoring

Baseline monitoring involves routine award oversight throughout the award lifecycle, that is implemented in accordance with [2 CFR 200 Subpart D – Post Federal Award Requirements](#). Baseline monitoring involves oversight throughout the award lifecycle for FEMA NEHRP Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance grants, to verify that programs and projects undertaken by award recipients are consistent with the published Notice of Funding Opportunity, State Mitigation Plans, and that the programs and projects comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and FEMA NEHRP program guidance.

Baseline monitoring also plays an important role in ensuring that FEMA NEHRP grant funding builds and sustains capabilities at the state and local level, as well as multi-state groups, that advance the NEHRP goals and FEMA strategic goals. Baseline monitoring is also an opportunity for NEHRP staff to build relationships with grant recipients and to work collaboratively to identify and mitigate factors that may impede programmatic performance.

The program monitoring lifecycle parallels the award lifecycle. Effective baseline monitoring begins with the award of the grant and continues until the grant has been programmatically closed out. This funding notice should clearly define and communicate the program goals, priorities, allowable activities and performance metrics. This will ensure that both award recipients and the FEMA Headquarters Program Office are fully aware of the performance measures, metrics and standards that are subject to monitoring. Award recipient questions concerning programmatic monitoring should be asked and addressed as soon as possible following the award of the grant.

Adherence to all applicable regulations and program guidance combined with the information contained in the funding notice, the approved workplan, the deliverable schedule, and budget, will be monitored throughout the award lifecycle.

Enhanced Monitoring

Enhanced Monitoring is a risk-based, objective-driven approach to monitoring that includes desk reviews, site visits and additional agency support to awardees. The goal of enhanced monitoring is to identify, evaluate and correct grants management deficiencies that jeopardize the successful performance of the award. It is anticipated that very few FEMA NEHRP Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance grants will require Enhanced Monitoring, however if it is determined that there is significant risk to the successful completion of the award within the POP and programmed budget, the FEMA Headquarters Program Office will implement this section of the plan.

Enhanced monitoring is not a punitive action, or a precursor to a punitive action, and should not be communicated, messaged, or interpreted as such. Enhanced monitoring provides both the FEMA Headquarters Program Office and the award recipient an opportunity to identify courses of action to address shortcomings associated with the grant. These courses will help the program office, and the award recipient ensure that the that the goals of the program and the intent of the grant are both met.

Enhanced monitoring consists of desk reviews and site visits. all awards identified to receive enhanced monitoring are subject to a desk review. the purpose of both desk reviews and site visits is to verify that allowable activities are carried out in a manner consistent with the recipients stated work plan and deliverable schedule and comply with all applicable rules and regulations. The reviews target areas that pose the greatest challenges to recipient success and are a vehicle for offering targeted, effective assistance to recipients as necessary. Desk reviews are a comprehensive review of the award, while site visits are typically reserved for those recipients and awards that present the highest risk to the programmatic success of an award. Site visits are intended to verify information and deliver technical assistance in correcting uncovered issues and problems.

Site visits represent the highest level of award monitoring. Unlike the desk reviews that precede them, site visits can be project-based or issue-based and can address the specific issues and problem areas identified through the entire monitoring process. All site visits should be targeted to assist the recipient, improve its administrative efficiencies, and meet program goals.

Upon completion of a desk review or site visit, the FEMA Headquarters Program Office will create an official, Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and internal monitoring report. This report will highlight concerns identified during the review and outline specific issues that a recipient must address to comply with federal regulations and/or FEMA policies and procedures or improve the management of the award. A copy of the CAP and internal monitoring report should be included in the award file in FEMA GO.

In addition to the internal monitoring report, a monitoring summary is developed to communicate the results of the review externally to the recipient. The post-monitoring summary report letter summarizes the outcomes and findings of the desk review or site visit and includes all corrective actions and/or recommendations made by the FEMA Headquarters Program Office.

Additional guidance and information may be obtained by contacting the Program Office via email at FEMA-NEHRP@fema.dhs.gov. A list of contact information for Headquarters and Regional Program Office Contacts is available on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

Appendix 7 – Evaluation and Scoring Criteria

Appendix 7 contains the national review panel scoring criteria. The national review panel will score applications based on specific criteria aligned to the project narrative requirement questions. The table below details the specific criteria aligned to each of the project narrative questions, and the maximum number of points an application can receive for each criterion. All eligible applications are scored against five criteria to determine if the activities and costs proposed are allowable, allocable, necessary, and reasonable.

Each scoring criteria has a possible point value of 0 to 5, with 5 being the highest score. The possible points for all scoring criteria are as follows: 5 points (strongly agree); 4 points (agree); 3 points (neither agree nor disagree); 2 points (disagree), 1 point (strongly disagree); 0 points (incomplete).

<i>Project Narrative Requirement</i>	<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Demonstration of Experience and Expertise (20% of total score)		
A. Describe your organization’s experience and activity in the development, initiation, and management of earthquake risk mitigation activities. This narrative must reference the following: • Development of earthquake risk mitigation activities • Implementation and oversight of earthquake risk mitigation activities • Assessment of earthquake risk mitigation activities This includes expertise and experience necessary, including technical experience and qualifications, as required to develop, communicate, implement, and manage the activities proposed in their application work plan. This may include information about the qualifications they will use to identify and engage key project personnel and roles, such as seismic design professionals, building officials, or other trained/certified professionals as required for technical activities.	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe and demonstrate its qualifications?	0-5
	Does the applicant demonstrate that they are qualified to develop, implement and manage earthquake risk mitigation activities?	0-5
B. Describe your organization’s relationship with the four NEHRP agencies, as well as federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management programs and their leadership. This narrative must reference the following: • Number of programs and range in size, sector, and governance for programs that your organization engages in the emergency management community.	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe and demonstrate its qualifications?	0-5

- Types of relationships your organization has had with these programs and the leaders who manage them. - Number of years that your organization has had these relationships.		
2. Work Plan (30% of total score)		
A. Describe your organization's plan for developing, implementing, messaging, managing and evaluating the effectiveness (outcomes) of your proposed multi-state or national earthquake risk mitigation activities. In addition, please describe how your proposed activities support the NEHRP goals and how you will address the post-award reporting requirements.	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe their proposed activities and how those activities support NEHRP goals?	0-5
	Does the applicant effectively address leveraging other allowable activities to support or enhance one another?	0-5
	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe how they will address the post-award reporting requirements?	0-5
3. Deliverable Schedule (15% of total score)		
A. Describe the rationale your organization used for the development of its deliverable schedule, including: - Seasonal considerations for activity deployment - Dependence on other activities - Logical sequential deployment of activities	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe the rationale for the sequencing of their deliverable schedule?	0-5
4. Impact and Outcomes (20% of total score)		
A. Describe how your organization will assess the Impact of the full implementation of your work plan, including detailing how the activities will result in measurable earthquake risk-reduction and earthquake risk awareness, nationally or in the multi-state region (eastern or western) that you intend to support.	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant describe how they will collect and evaluate data for their proposed multi-state or national earthquake risk mitigation activities?	0-5

5. Budget (15% of total score)		
A. Provide a budget narrative and detailed budget for all proposed allowable activities and allowable costs, and a copy of the proposed grant budget. The budget narrative must explain in plain language how the activities (and their associated costs) provide real value to the program and the nation.	Did the applicant provide a budget narrative and detailed grant budget worksheet that is clear, logical, and identifies all anticipated costs?	0-5
B. Describe your organization's ability to manage federal grants, addressing the following factors: • Financial stability • Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards • History of performance in managing federal awards • Reports and findings from audits • Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.	How clearly and comprehensively does the applicant demonstrate their capacity and ability to manage federal grants?	0-5

Appendix 8 – Memo of Record

For NEHRP Multi State and National Earthquake Assistance, FEMA has prepared a Memo of Record, dated May 1, 2026, that documents EHP compliance for the range of activities eligible for funding under this funding opportunity pursuant to FEMA's Instruction on Implementation of the Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Responsibilities and Program requirements, [FEMA Instruction 108-1-1](#).