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Press Release

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS SHOW SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO STATES, LOCALITIES

March 24, 2023 (Falls Church, Va.) - The International Association of Emergency Managers and the National Emergency Management Association released a joint annual report entitled Emergency Management Performance Grant: An Evaluation of the Nation's Return on Investment.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) allows state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to make critical investments to build capacity and enhance the capability of states and localities to respond to disasters. As emergency managers grapple with intensifying and more frequent natural and man-made disasters, the commitment to invest in mitigation and resilience in advance continues to build greater capacity at the local level. For EMPG in the fiscal year 2022, there is much to highlight.

- 268 state emergency operations centers and approximately 359 local EOCs addressed **19,290 events** without federal assistance.
- At least 2,432 state and 2,848 local plans were developed, maintained, or updated using EMPG funds – over 800 more plans than a year ago in FY21.
- EMPG supported at least 1,494 local and 1,340 state-level exercises, reaching over a **quarter million** participants in FY22.
- EMPG funding has supported 986 statewide preparedness outreach campaigns and 2,271 local campaigns – reaching more than **150 million citizens**.

With the expanding job description in emergency management and the onslaught of increasingly devastating events, the community needs flexibility in its funding to combat these disasters in innovative and effective ways.

These investments in building local and state capacity afford the nation a strong foundation and diverse response and recovery ecosystem for emergency management when disasters occur – without seeking additional federal expenditures. A whole-of-government approach will be vital as we continue to invest in our response and resilience resources. While disaster events remain unpredictable and no investment can fully eliminate risk, supporting the development of state, local, territorial, and tribal capabilities through EMPG is proven to minimize disaster effects on vulnerable populations and limit federal expenditures in the response and recovery phase.

EMPG funds are used to support emergency operations centers, the coordination hubs for disaster response. The program also provides the following:

- Public education and training.
- Outreach.
- Enhanced interoperable communications capabilities.
- Support for mutual aid agreement development.
- The ability to manage statewide alerts and warnings.

Few federal programs boast EMPG's 50-50 matching commitment from the state and local levels. EMPG stands as the beacon of congressional commitment to ensuring communities and states can prepare, mitigate, respond, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

[Download the EMPG report.](#)

IAEM, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 5,500 U.S. emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, private sector, non-governmental organizations, and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

Established in 1974, NEMA represents the emergency management directors of the 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia. These professionals are responsible to their governors for all-hazards emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery from all emergencies, disasters, and threats to the homeland. NEMA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, and an affiliate of the Council of State Governments.

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