



Changes to LEMPG Funding

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LEMPG Thank You

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LEMPG Background

Purpose of EMPG:

- Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for all hazards is authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121, et seq.).
- Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from all hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions.

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Use of EMPG:

- EMPG Grants are awarded to the states.
- States determine how EMPG Funds are allocated.
- Historically, EMPG funding has been the most flexible source of funding to the emergency management community.
- Few restrictions on use of funds.

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LEMPG Eligibility:

All Cities, Counties and those Towns recognized as independent emergency management jurisdictions under Title 44 of the Code of Virginia as define by VDEM are eligible to receive funding under this program. To receive funding a locality must meet certain goals as establish by VDEM.

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To receive LEMPG funds, a locality must:

- Be NIMS current compliant and submit NIMSCAST report by required date
- Have current EOP
- Complete FEMA PDS certification by certain time
- Complete certain specified training courses
- Attend annual Regional Exercise Workshop
- Develop 3 year exercise program
- Have staff (at least 1) trained in WebEOC
- Submit LCAR by 6/30
- Attend annual Coordinator's Briefing.

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Virginia allocates 40 percent of its total EMPG funds to the LEMPG program

Unlike the State Homeland Security Grants funding, there is no pass-through requirement within the EMPG. However, Virginia allocates 40 percent of the total funding to the LEMPG program and the remaining 60 percent is used by VDEM to support programs and activities for the benefit of all citizens (staff, training, Local Emergency Support, etc.)

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VDEM has been working with VEMA and other partners to find a way to provide enhanced support to local emergency management programs within the constraints of state and federal funding.

An LEMPG focus group, comprised of emergency managers from each of the 7 VDEM regions, met in May, 2010 to discuss more equitable ways to utilize LEMPG funds. This initiative began the process to revise LEMPG allocations.

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The Concept (at present):

Each locality will receive a base amount. For localities with population above 50,000 they will receive an additional per capita amount for population above 50,000. This *per capita* augmentation will have a cap of a \$50,000 increase.

LEMPG funds require either a hard or soft match that is 50/50 (for every dollar received from LEMPG it must be matched with one).

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Three over-arching guidelines:

1. Every community receives an LEMPG allocation of at least \$7,500
2. No community will receive less LEMPG funding than they currently receive
3. For larger communities there is a *per capita* add-on of \$0.3108 for each person beyond 50,000 up to an additional LEMPG grant amount of \$50,000

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A locality need not participate in LEMPG.

If a locality chooses not to participate, they would need to indicate so in a letter to the state coordinator from the County Administrator or City Manager. All new participants to the program will be required to complete an Opt In – Opt Out certification. This certification will be part of the allocation process.

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It is currently anticipated that the new funding formula will start with the Federal 2013 awards.

If you have specific questions, please call your Local Support Services Regional Coordinator and/or your VDEM Grants Office Grant Administrator.

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Locality W

Currently **Not Receiving** LEMPG Funding

Population 17,835

Current 2012 Funding \$0

Not eligible for *per capita* adjustment

Amount To Receive **\$7,500***

* No 2012 funding – New allocation set at \$7,500 minimum

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Locality X

Currently **Receiving** LEMPG Funding

Population 24,098

Current 2012 Funding \$5,000

Not eligible for *per capita* adjustment

Amount To Receive **\$7,500***

* 2012 funding < \$7,500 adjusted to new minimum

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Locality Y

Currently **Receiving** LEMPG Funding

Population 17,835

Current 2012 Funding \$15,500

Not eligible for *per capita* adjustment

Amount To Receive **\$15,500***

* 2012 funding > \$7,500 maintained with no reduction

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Locality Z

Currently **Receiving** LEMPG Funding

Population 1,081,726

Current 2012 Funding \$59,897

Per capita adjustment \$50.000 (maximum available)

Amount To Receive **\$109,897**

Since *per capita* adjustment (\$320,660) exceeds \$50,000, the \$50,000 cap applies.

Per capita amount is \$0.3108 based on 2011 calculations

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Questions?





Local Emergency Management Performance Grants Program (LEMPG)

Q. What is LEMPG?

A. Local Emergency Management Preparedness Grants (LEMPG) derives from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program that provides assistance to local governments to assist in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions. The federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized in this title so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards. EMPG plays an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive – 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities to fulfill the NPG.

Q. Who can get LEMPG funding?

A. All Cities, Counties and those Towns recognized as emergency management jurisdictions under Title 44 of the Code of Virginia as define by VDEM are eligible to receive funding under this program. To receive funding a locality must meet certain goals as establish by VDEM.

Q. Why can't localities apply for funding directly?

A. The State Administration Agency (SAA) or the state's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is the only entity eligible to apply to FEMA for the EMPG Program funds on behalf of state and local emergency management agencies, however only one application will be accepted from each state or territory. All 56 states and territories, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia, are eligible to apply for EMPG Program funds.

Q. How are the funds allocated to the SAA?

A. The EMPG Program allocation methodology dictates that all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will receive a base amount of 0.75 percent (.75%) of the total available grant funding. Four territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will receive a base amount of 0.25 percent (.25%) of the total available grant funding. The balance of the EMPG Program funds will be distributed on a population-match basis. Pursuant to Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement of the Compact of Free Association authorized by Public Law 108-188, funds are available for the Federated States of Micronesia, and for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.



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- Q.** How much of Virginia EMPG funds is made available for the LEMPG program?
- A.** Virginia allocates 40 percent of its total EMPG funds to the LEMPG program
- Q.** Why 40 percent and not 80 percent i.e. State Homeland Security Funding?
- A.** There is no pass-through requirement within the EMPG. However, Virginia allocates 40 percent of the total funding to the LEMPG program and the remaining 60 percent is used by VDEM to support programs and activities for the benefit of all citizens (training, Local Emergency Support etc.)
- Q.** How much will each locality receive from LEMPG?
- A.** Each locality will receive a base amount of \$7,500. For localities with population above 50,000 they will receive an additional per capita amount for population above 50,000 with a cap of \$50,000 increase.
- Q.** What happens if the new formula allocates less to localities that are currently part of the program?
- A.** All localities that currently receive an allocation will continue to receive the amount that they currently receive if the amount is below \$7,500 they will be increased to the \$7,500 minimum.
- Q. Is there a match for these funds?**
- A.** Yes the LEMPG funds require either a hard or soft match that is 50/50 (for every dollar received from LEMPG it must be matched with one)
- Q. What are the requirements to receive the funding?**
- A.** Meet NIMS current requirements and submit NIMSCAST report by 9/30/13; Have current EOP; complete PDS certification by certain time, complete certain training courses; Attend annual Regional Exercise Workshop; Develop 3 year exercise program; have staff (at least 1) trained in WebEOC; Submit LCAR by 6/30; Attend annual Coordinator's Briefing.
- Q. Why are we changing the LEMPG program?**
- A.** An LEMPG focus group, comprised of emergency managers from each of the 7 VDEM regions, met in May 2010 to discuss more equitable ways to utilize LEMPG funds. This initiative began the process to revise LEMPG allocations.
- Q. When will this funding formula start?**
- A.** It is currently anticipated that the new funding formula will start with the Federal 2013 awards.



Q. Are there going to be special consideration given to localities that only qualifies for the \$7,500 base for the LEMPG competitive awards?

A. Each project proposal will go before a review committee, and will be awarded based on its merit.

Q. Can a locality choose not to participate?

A. Yes, if a locality chooses not to participate, they would need to indicate so in a letter to the state coordinator from the County Administrator or City Manager. All new participants to the program will be required to complete an Opt In – Opt Out certification. This certification will be part of the allocation process.

Q. What is the process that I should expect in order to participate?

A. VDEM will send an allocation letter with various required certifications once the grant program is released by FEMA. The receiving locality/town will be required to complete an on-line budget in the VDEM grants system and forward the executed certifications. Once these items are accepted then the locality/town will receive an award letter which authorizes spending. Locality/town utilizes grant funds according to budget and submits quarterly reports. Locality/town accomplishes required program elements outlined in the letter of agreement, and submits the final report by July 15, 2013 to their Regional Coordinator.

Q. What is the performance period?

A. Performance period normally runs with the state's fiscal year, from July 1st through June 30th. For budgeting purpose localities should anticipate the FY2013 cycle to be the first cycle to incorporate these changes. For example, localities/town should start the planning process as soon as possible to be able to ensure your participation in the program.

Q. Is LEMPG subject to EHP review?

A. Yes, LEMPG is part of the homeland security grant programs and does have the same EHP requirements of any other project that is funded through these programs.

Q. Who do I call if I have any questions?

A. You can call your Local Support Services Regional Coordinator and/or your VDEM Grants Office Grant Administrator with any questions.