# Virginia Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant Fund

**ELIGIBLE ENTITIES**
Cities, Counties, Towns

APPLICATIONS OPEN
October 4, 2022

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
February 15, 2023

The Emergency Shelters Upgrade Assistant program Moneys in is used solely for the purposes of providing matching funds to localities to install, maintain, or repair infrastructure related to backup energy generation for emergency shelters, including solar energy generators, and to improve the hazard-specific structural integrity (wind retrofit) of shelter facilities owned by the locality or identified in the local shelter plan.

## Funding Priorities

- Project supports/protects vulnerable and marginalized populations
- Project is a long term risk based solution
- Localities that submit applications for their primary shelter solutions will have priority. This will be verified by Local Capabilities Assessment Report (LCAR) submissions
- Project identifies alternative solutions

## Eligible Projects

- Purchase and installation of generator for a local shelter
- Purchase and installation of generator transfer switches or "quick connects" for a local shelter
- Purchase and installation of a solar power generation solution for a shelter
- Wind hardening or "retrofit" of a local shelter

## Eligibility Criteria

Local governments must have a current and locally-adopted emergency operations plan, in compliance with the Code of Virginia §44.146.19(E) (revised every 4 years) by the application deadline.

## Funding Limits

**$2.5M**
Appropriated by the General Assembly to this fund for FY 22

**$450,000**
Limit (state share) for any single grant award

Local governments can submit **one** shelter upgrade application per year, but the application can involve multiple locations

Local governments can only receive and implement one shelter upgrade grant at a time. Construction on any previous awards must be complete at the time of application.

Shelter Upgrade Fund may match any existing FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants to upgrade shelters

State cost share is limited to the Local Council of Governments Fiscal Stress Index, which could be anywhere between 60-75% of total project costs

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Messmer, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at (804) 267-7732 or debbie.messmer@vdem.virginia.gov**

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