

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Grants for Firefighters, EMTs and Emergency Managers



NY First Responder Summit
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Agenda

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NYC Emergency Management

- City of New York
 - 8.8 million people
 - \$1.26 trillion GDP
 - 5 counties/boroughs
 - 469 total square miles
 - 520 miles of coastline
- NYC Government
 - \$115.9B Operating Budget
 - 50+ Agencies (additional 20+ non-mayoral entities)
- NYCEM
 - Mission: To help New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies
 - 300+ Headcount
 - \$80M Operating Budget

Why Grants Matter

- Emergency management is underfunded.
 - Increasing frequency in severe weather events.
 - Expanding definition of what is an “emergency”.
- Grants provide critical resources during emergencies.
- Preparedness and mitigation are cheaper than recovery.
- Grants management builds great management.
- Success in managing grants creates more opportunities for funding.

What is Grants Management

- Grant management is the comprehensive process of overseeing all activities related to a grants, from its initial application to its final closure.
- Grants management can seem intimidating, however in many cases it's following best practices to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.
- Grants Management is just great project management.
 - Tracking Deadlines
 - Documenting Decision
 - Document Management
 - Procurement
 - Costs Analysis

State & Federal Partners

- NY State
 - Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (NYS DHSES)
 - Division of Housing and Community Renewal (NYS HCR)
 - Department of Health (NYS DOH)
- Federal
 - Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - Department of Housing Urban Development (HUD)
 - Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)
 - Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Major Grant Programs

- Recovery
 - FEMA Public Assistance (FEMA PA)
 - FEMA Individual Assistance (FEMA IA)
 - HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
- Mitigation
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC)
- Preparedness/Prevention
 - Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
 - Emergency Operation Center Grants (EOC)
- Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPG)
- Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)
- Homeland Security Grant Program
 - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
 - State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
- Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
- Securing the Cities (STC)
- Non-profit Security Grant
- Competitive & Capacity Building
 - State Interoperability Communication Grant (SICG)
 - Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)

Grant Funded Projects in NYC

- Homeland Security Grant Program
 - NYPD: Domain Awareness System, Intelligence Analysts, Critical Infrastructure Protection, and Equipment
 - FDNY: Specialized Training & Equipment
 - NYCEM: Public Messaging, Planning, and Staffing
 - OTI: Cyber Command
- Disaster Recovery
 - Hurricane Sandy
 - COVID
 - Hurricane Ida

Ongoing Issues

- Where are the FFY25 Grants?
- FFY26 Grants Increases
 - Big Beautiful Bill
 - Appropriations
- Learning from recent emergencies
 - CA Wildfire
 - KY Tornados
 - TX Floods
- The Future of FEMA