

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Homeland Security and Grants Processing Branch, is soliciting proposals for the following program:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM, COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL (EMPG-S) FOR FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBES AND INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Release Date: July 13, 2020

This Request for Proposal (RFP) provides detailed information and forms necessary to prepare a proposal for Cal OES grant funds.

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

Program Description:

The purpose of the *EMPG-S for Federally-Recognized Tribes and Indian Organizations in California* (FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S) is to assist federally-recognized tribes and Indian organizations with their public health and emergency management activities supporting the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. Funds provided under this Program must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to an Applicant's capability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Eligibility:

Restricted to federally-recognized tribes and Indian organizations in California.

Grant Subaward Period of performance:

January 27, 2020 – October 26, 2021

Available Funding:

\$102,690

Submission Deadline:

The proposal package must be received electronically, no later than 5:00pm, August 13, 2020.



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A. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

On April 13, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the EMPG-S Program. Funding awarded under the EMPG-S Program is separate and distinct from any funding that will be awarded under the FY 2020 EMPG Program NOFO published February 14, 2020.

The intent of the EMPG-S Program is to assist states, territories, tribes, and local governments with their public health and emergency management activities supporting the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency. The funds provided by this Program support planning and operational readiness for COVID-19 preparedness and response, development of tools and strategies for prevention, preparedness, and response, and ongoing communication and coordination among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners throughout the response.

B. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to assist federally-recognized tribes and Indian organizations with preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The whole community approach is inclusive of local units of government, tribes, and nonprofit organizations, including partners at the state level. Funds provided under this Program must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to an Applicant's capability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

C. AWARD & ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Applicants (Subrecipients):	Federally-Recognized Tribes and Indian Organizations in California
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Total Amount Available for Solicitation:	\$102,690
Projected Number of Awards:	4
Period of Performance:	January 27, 2020 - October 26, 2021
Cost Share or Match Requirement:	Cost Share or Match will be provided by Cal OES.

D. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this RFP, the proposal process, or programmatic issues must be submitted via e-mail to:

Yer Yang
Program Representative
Emergency Management Performance Grant Unit
Yer.Yang@caloes.ca.gov

Cal OES staff cannot assist an Applicant with the actual preparation of their proposal. During the period of time between the publication date of the RFP and the date the competitive proposal is due, Cal OES can only respond to technical questions about the RFP.

E. PROJECT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

Proposals will be considered by Cal OES for eligibility based on the evaluation criteria identified in Part III. All proposed projects must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to an Applicant's capability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency listed in the California Supplement to the NOFO. Additional information on allowable activities may be found on FEMA's Emergency Management Performance Grant Program, COVID-19 Supplemental web site at: [FEMA EMPG-S](#).

The priorities under this funding opportunity will address the State's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. FEMA has identified the areas most needed to continue an effective response and meets the CARES Act EMPG-S requirement. EMPG-S funds should be prioritized as outlined below:

- Review, modify and/or execute logistics and enabling contracts to increase capability to stockpile and provide the necessary resources needed to stabilize lifelines (e.g. PPE, food, water, buildout of medical facilities, etc.).

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- Modify evacuation plans to account for limited travel options and increased time needed for health care facilities in a COVID-19 environment.
- Identify mass care and shelter options that meet CDC guidance and mitigate risks to your communities and most vulnerable citizens.
- Emphasize collection, analysis, and sharing of data to strengthen decision support capabilities.

FEMA has identified the allowable categories of cost under the EMPG-S as Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, Management and Administration (M&A), EOC Construction and Renovation, Maintenance and Sustainment (M&S), and Indirect Costs. The following is a brief description of examples of costs associated with the most generally used of these categories:

Planning

Planning activities include the development or updating of plans required to support COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, and response.

Allowable planning activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs)
- Incident Action Plans
- Communications Plans
- Crisis/Risk Communications
- Emergency Public Information and Warning Plans
- Logistics/Supply Chain Management Planning
- Resource Management and Allocation Plans
- Distribution Management Plans
- Public Health and Safety Plans
- Responder Health and Safety Plans
- Fatality Management Plans
- Medical Countermeasure Plans
- Medical Surge Capacity/Logistics Plans
- Disaster Financial Management Planning
- Updating of Mutual Aid Agreements
- Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Planning
- Recovery Planning

Organization

Organizational activities are generally associated with specific personnel, groups or teams, or an overall organizational structure. EMPG-S funds may be

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used for emergency management operations, staffing, and other day-to-day activities in support of preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Contracted personnel are also allowable under this category.

Equipment

Unless otherwise stated, equipment must meet all mandatory regulatory and/or DHS-adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using these funds. Equipment being purchased must be found in the [Authorized Equipment List \(AEL\)](#). Additional approvals may be required for specific allowable equipment items. In addition, Applicants must obtain and maintain all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment. The allowable equipment includes equipment from the following AEL Sections:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (Section 1)
- Information Technology (Section 4)
- Interoperable Communication Equipment (Section 6)
- Detection Equipment (Section 7)
- Decontamination Equipment (Section 8)
- Medical Equipment (Section 9)
- Power Equipment (Section 10)
- Physical Security Enhancement Equipment (Section 14)
- CBRNE Logistical Support Equipment (Section 19)
- Other Authorized Equipment (Section 21)

Training

Allowable COVID-19 training-related costs under EMPG-S include the establishment, support, conduct, and attendance of training. All training courses must receive a Training Feedback number from Cal OES Training & Exercise using the [Training Feedback Form](#) prior to the start of the course.

Unallowable Costs

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Unallowable Equipment: Grant funds must comply with IB 426 and may not be used for the purchase of the following equipment: firearms,

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ammunition, grenade launchers, bayonets, or weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind with weapons installed.

- Expenditures for weapons systems and ammunition.
- Costs to support hiring sworn public safety officers for the purposes of fulfilling traditional public safety duties or to supplant traditional public safety positions and responsibilities.
- Activities and projects unrelated to the completion and implementation of the EMPG-S.
- Anything unrelated to COVID-19 planning, prevention, or response.
- Consistent with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, none of the funds awarded under this NOFO may duplicate the same costs already paid for with funding from FEMA's Public Assistance Program or any other Federal program.
- Exercise costs are not allowed under this Program.

F. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP)

DHS/FEMA is required to consider the effects of its actions on environmental, historic, or cultural resources to ensure all activities and programs funded by the agency, including grant-funded projects, comply with federal EHP regulations, laws, and Executive Orders, as applicable. As a Recipient of DHS/FEMA funding, these requirements are assumed by Cal OES and Subrecipients of Cal OES. Proposed projects that have the potential to impact the environment, including, but not limited to, the construction of communication towers, modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures and facilities, or new construction, including replacement of facilities, must participate in the DHS/FEMA EHP review process.

The EHP review process involves the submission of a detailed project description along with supporting documentation, so that DHS/FEMA may determine whether the proposed project has the potential to impact environmental resources or historic or cultural properties. In some cases, DHS/FEMA is also required to consult with other regulatory agencies and the public in order to complete the review process. The EHP review process must be completed before funds are released to carry out the proposed project; otherwise, DHS/FEMA and Cal OES may not be able to fund the project due to non-compliance with EHP laws, Executive Orders, regulations and policies.

Examples of activities requiring EHP review include field-based training and select equipment, such as communications towers and physical security enhancement equipment. If the proposed project could result in adverse impacts to those resources, it may be necessary to change the scope of the

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proposed project to avoid those impacts or to incorporate mitigation measures to minimize the impacts to those resources.

Requirements Applicable to Emergency Communications Projects

EMPG-S funds used to support emergency communications investments are required to comply with the SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants, which can be found at [SAFECOM funding](#).

Program Match

The FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S requires a dollar-for-dollar match. This can be cash or third-party in-kind contributions. There are no waivers for this match requirement. Refer to 2 C.F.R. § 200.29 and § 200.306 for specific details.

Cost Share or Match will be provided by Cal OES.

Reporting Requirements

Quarterly Performance Reports

Subrecipients must submit Performance Reports to Cal OES quarterly until all grant activities are completed and the Grant Subaward is formally closed. The quarterly reports must include progress made on approved activities and any other project-specific information required by Cal OES. Failure to submit a Performance Report could result in Grant Subaward reduction, suspension, or termination. Quarterly reports are cumulative and each report will include information provided in previous reports.

In order to ensure that mandated performance metrics and other data required under the Grant Subaward are reported accurately, all EMPG-S Performance Reports must first be submitted electronically to the Cal OES Tribal EMPG-S Program Representative for review. Electronic documents should be submitted for Cal OES review no later than seven (7) calendar days from the due date. Submission of the final signed electronic copy is only to occur after the Subrecipient is directed by the Tribal EMPG-S Program Representative.

Changes to Scope of Work

Due to the competitive process, changes to the scope of work will not be permitted. The expectation is for each Applicant to thoroughly plan out the entire process of each proposed project, from project conception to completion. Applicants should ensure that the projects being proposed are well planned and detailed. Funds remaining at the end of the period of performance will be disencumbered and returned to Cal OES.

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PART II – RFP INSTRUCTIONS

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A. PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The Proposal must be submitted to Cal OES no later than **5:00pm Thursday, August 13, 2020**. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Proposals submitted after this time/date will **not** be considered. Applicants may e-mail their proposals to:

Yer Yang
Program Representative
Emergency Management Performance Grant Unit
Yer.Yang@caloes.ca.gov

B. PROPOSAL COMPONENTS

An Applicant proposal MUST include the following documents in order to be considered for funding:

- Notice of Interest (NOI), which includes the **Investment Justification (IJ)** and the **Detailed Budget Sheet**.

The purpose of the NOI process is to solicit and obtain proposed tribal emergency management projects from interested and eligible Applicants seeking funding from the FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S. Eligible NOIs received by the submission deadline will be read, evaluated, and scored by a panel to determine which interested Applicants will be selected to continue in the subaward application process.

NOI documents:

[FY 2020 EMPG-S Tribal NOI documents](#)

It is very important to note that Cal OES staff cannot assist in the creation of either of these documents. Cal OES staff may only provide clarification on the questions presented in the IJ and on the definitions of the budget categories in the Detailed Budget Sheet.

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IJ

The IJ is used to describe the Applicant's current emergency management system with preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, what activities the Applicant would like to perform with FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S funds, how those activities would improve the Applicant's existing system, and other information needed by Cal OES in order to determine which Applicants should be selected for funding. This NOI document must be fully completed at the time of submission. Incomplete IJs will not be accepted.

FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S Applicants should check the box on the bottom of the first page if they are willing to accept less than the full amount requested based on scoring and fund availability. If the box is not checked, partial funding may not be given in the event full funding is not available for the project. Applicants who are willing to accept less than the requested amount must also identify the minimum amount in grant funding they would be willing to accept.

Detailed Budget Sheet

The Detailed Budget Sheet is used to show the funding needs of a proposal in terms of positions and activities funded. Applicants should enter the amount of FY 2020 Tribal EMPG-S Program funds needed. The amount of grant funds requested on the Detailed Budget Sheet must be consistent with the IJ.

***Grant applications are subject to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 et seq. Do not put any personally identifiable information or private information on this application. If you believe that any of the information you are putting on this application is exempt from the Public Records Act, please attach a separate statement that indicates what portions of the application and the basis for the exemption. Your statement that the information is not subject to the Public Records Act will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed.**

Applicants must also have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, an Employer Identification Number (EIN), and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to receiving a Grant Subaward from Cal OES.

DUNS Number

Instructions for obtaining a DUNS number can be found at [DUNS registration](#).

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System for Award Management

In addition to having a DUNS number, Applicants must register with SAM. For Step-by-step instructions for registering, refer to [SAM registration](#).

DHS/FEMA requires both the EIN and a DUNS number prior to the issuance of a financial assistance award and for Grant Subaward payment; both EIN and DUNS are also required to register with SAM (see below). The EIN base for an organization is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax ID number (the EIN is a nine-digit number). Organizations submitting their applications must correctly differentiate the EIN from the DUNS since both are nine-digit numbers.

Organizations applying for an EIN should plan on a minimum of two full weeks to obtain an EIN. For assistance in registering an EIN contact the IRS helpline. DHS/FEMA and Cal OES cannot assist Applicants with questions related to obtaining a current EIN.

C. RESOURCES (web links)

EMPG-S Federally-Recognized Tribes and Indian Organizations in California, Request for Proposal [FY20 EMPG-S Tribal RFP](#)

EMPG-S NOFO
[FY20 EMPG-S NOFO](#)

EMPG-S California Supplement to the Federal NOFO
[FY20 EMPG-S California Supplement to the NOFO](#)

DHS/FEMA Information Bulletins
[Information Bulletins](#)

AEL
[FEMA Authorized Equipment List](#)

SAFECOM
[SAFECOM funding](#)

DUNS #
[DUNS registration](#)

SAM
[SAM registration](#)

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A. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Funding will be awarded to the highest-ranked proposals. Evaluation of the proposals is based on a list of questions, with a total of 40 points. Proposed projects that are not in support of COVID-19 or cannot be completed within the period of performance will be disqualified.

Points may be deducted during the rating process based on negative past performance under a prior EMPG award (i.e. extension requested, funds disencumbered, failure to submit required documents and reports). Points may also be deducted if all proposal documents are not submitted.

Cal OES will review and approve proposed projects which meet the criteria based on the AEL and the scoring system established for this Program. All projects must be completed within the Subrecipient period of performance. All applicable EMPG-S guidelines and policies remain in effect for the grant.

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B. EVALUATION CRITERIA DEFINED

The following questions will be used to score each application:

Questions	Points Possible
What are the Applicant's current emergency management priorities and initiatives relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency?	4
FEMA has identified the areas most needed to continue an effective response and meet the CARES Act EMPG-S requirement as identified in Section E of the RFP. How will FY 2020 EMPG-S funding be used to meet these priorities?	4
Is the Standardized Emergency Management System/National Incident Management System (SEMS/NIMS) incorporated into the Applicant's emergency management system? If so, describe how SEMS/NIMS is incorporated into the Applicant's emergency management system.	4
Describe any areas of coordination between the Applicant and any regional, city, or county entities.	4
Identify the activities the Applicant would like to fund through EMPG-S and describe how each activity will help in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.	4
Describe how the activities outlined above fit into each of the categories allowed by EMPG-S – Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, EOC Construction/Renovation, Maintenance and Sustainment, Management and Administration, and Indirect Costs.	4
Explain how the activities outlined above will be performed and completed within the period of performance provided in the RFP.	4
Provide a list of the proposed equipment to be purchased, including the number of items and corresponding AEL numbers and titles.	4
Using the matrix identified in section XI of the IJ, provide a breakdown of proposed funding by solution area.	4
Were both required documents, the NOI and Detailed Budget Sheet, fully completed and submitted?	4

TOTAL _____

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C. FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Final funding decisions are made by the Director of Cal OES. Funding recommendations are based on the following:

- The ranked score of the application
- Consideration of funding priorities
- Prior negative administrative and programmatic performance, if applicable

Projects previously funded by Cal OES will be reviewed for past compliance, including fiscal management, progress and annual reports, audit reports, and other relevant documentation or information. This review may result in one or more of the following actions:

- The project(s) may not be selected for funding
- The amount of funding may be reduced
- Grant Subaward Special Conditions may be included in the Grant Subaward

D. NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be notified of the results of the rating process in writing. Applicants not selected for funding will receive a notification letter containing their average score and information on the appeal process.

E. APPEAL OF DECISION

Applicants are entitled to appeal the denial of funding pursuant to the Cal OES Appeal Guidelines for Competitive Funding Decisions. A copy of these guidelines may be requested by contacting:

Alissa Adams
Unit Supervisor
Emergency Management Performance Grant Unit
Alissa.Adams@caloes.ca.gov

F. POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Applicants identified for funding must submit all documentation listed in the FY 2020 EMPG-S State Supplement. The required documents can be found at [FY20 EMPG-S Tribal NOI documents](#). All signed forms must be submitted via e-mail for review and, once approved, via mail.

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G. ALLOCATION CONTINGENT ON RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AWARD

Cal OES does not have the authority to disburse federal funds until the federal Grant Award is received. Expenditures incurred prior to authorization are made at the Subrecipient's own risk and may be disallowed. Cal OES employees are not able to authorize an Applicant to incur expenses or financial obligations prior to the execution of a Grant Subaward. However, once the Grant Subaward is finalized, the Subrecipient may claim reimbursement for expenses incurred on, or subsequent to, the start of the Grant Subaward period of performance. If, during the term of the Grant Subaward, federal funds appropriated for the purposes of the Grant Subaward are reduced or eliminated by the United States Government, or any other action that impacts federal funds received by Cal OES, Cal OES may immediately terminate or reduce the Grant Subaward by written notice to the Subrecipient. However, no such termination or reduction shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Subrecipient to the extent that federal funds are available for payment of such costs.

Cal OES Grant Subawards are subject to applicable restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the California Legislature and/or the United States Government, subsequent to the execution of the Grant Subaward.