



Community Planning and Capacity Building

Recovery Support Function

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Funding Opportunities

[EPA Recreational Economies for Rural Communities Planning Assistance Program](#)

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Recreation Economy for Rural Communities planning assistance program helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets. Eligible applicants include local governments, Tribes, nonprofit organizations, and institutions representing any community in the United States. Local colleges, universities and extension agencies can also serve as the lead organization for the assistance.

- Applications are due to EPA by October 16, 2024.

[COCO Action, Implementation, and Mitigation Program](#)

The Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc. (COCO) Action, Implementation, and Mitigation grant program will begin accepting applications in late September. The grant is available for a wide variety of capacity-building activities, including personnel, planning efforts, and wildfire risk reduction work on non-federal lands. The organization must have a nonprofit (501c3) status or have a nonprofit or local government fiscal sponsor that may include a Conservation District, Fire Safe Council, Fire Department, Tribal Authority, City or County Government, or other regional and local collaborative efforts.

- Concept papers are due to COCO by October 25, 2024.

Webinars

[Aspen CSG Exploring Migration and Displacement in Rural Communities](#)

Migration and displacement pressures from a changing climate and global economic shifts are reshaping populations across rural regions. In some places, newcomers relocating to rural places are reducing the availability of housing for longtime residents and altering community identity. In other places, longtime residents feel pressure to move to areas with greater opportunity. This webinar by

the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group (CSG) will focus on the challenges and opportunities presented by this issue.

- The webinar will take place on September 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[SBA How to Prepare for Wildfires](#)

Join experts from the US Small Business Administration, FEMA & Cal OES during National Disaster Preparation Month to discuss wildfire preparation resources for small businesses, government agencies, community organizations, and others. Learn about state and federal assistance that helps communities recover after disasters.

- The webinar will take place on September 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[The Role of Community Foundations in Disaster Mitigation](#)

Join the American Planning Association and Association of State Floodplain Managers for a webinar about community foundations, an overlooked actor in disaster preparedness that can play an important role in the recovery process. This webinar highlights the changes that the Miami Foundation has made to its crisis response model over the past few years, including the creation of a revolving fund which can be immediately dispersed to nonprofits in the event of a disaster. It also examines how these changes have affected the Miami area and aided in short-term recovery, while discussing takeaways for other communities on how to implement these strategies themselves. The role of planners in disaster recovery and their relationship to community foundations is also discussed.

- The webinar will take place on September 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[EPA Tools & Resources Webinar: Assessing Community Vulnerabilities to Potential Contaminant Releases from Extreme Events](#)

Extreme events (e.g., excessive heat, droughts, floods, wildfires) are projected to be more frequent and intense under future climate scenarios. During extreme events, contaminated sites and waste management facilities have the potential to release contaminants and impact nearby communities. Understanding the risks to communities from potential exposures to water- and airborne contaminants underlies preparedness, emergency response, and mitigation planning. The EPA [Handbook on Indicators of Community Vulnerability to Extreme Events: Considering Sites and Waste Management Facilities](#) provides the conceptual framework and indicators approach. Join the webinar to learn more about the handbook and how to use the approach.

- The webinar will take place on September 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[USDOT Meaningful Public Involvement in NEPA](#)

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) will host the next installment of its Meaningful Public Involvement training series on September 23. The two-hour training will focus on meaningful public involvement approaches, techniques, and examples in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The training is open to the public and is best suited for transportation practitioners seeking to improve their meaningful public involvement practices and exchange challenges and lessons learned with peers across the country. Registration is required to attend and will be limited to 300 attendees, so please confirm your ability to attend virtually before reserving your spot.

- The webinar will take place on September 23, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., PST.

[FEMA Climate Resilient Infrastructure: Building a More Sustainable Future](#)

FEMA is partnering with the EPA to host Climate Resilient Infrastructure: Building a More Sustainable Future. Attendees will get to hear from FEMA and our public, private, and academic partners on a number of topics including nature-based solutions, net-zero energy projects, energy efficiency efforts, the use of salvaged materials and how each of these fit into nationwide resilience strategy. Virtual attendance is limited to 1000 participants so register today!

- The virtual event will take place on September 24, 2024, from 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., PST.

[HCD 2020/2021 CDBG-DR Substantial Action Plan Amendment](#)

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has posted proposed changes to the 2020/2021 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Substantial Action Plan Amendment allocation for areas impacted by 2020 Wildfires (FEMA DR-4558 and DR-4569) and 2021 Wildfires (FEMA DR-4610). HCD will host public meeting webinars in both English and Spanish to discuss the proposed changes. The draft 2020/2021 CDBG-DR amendment is available for public review and comment.

- The English webinar will take place on September 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., PST.
- The Spanish webinar will take place on September 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., PST.
- Public comments are due by September 27, 2024.

[Creating an Economic Development Plan and Embarking on Plan Implementation](#)

This 2-hour virtual training will provide participants who are entering into an economic development planning process or are considering doing so an opportunity to learn about the core components of economic development planning as well as the internal and external actors involved, duration and timing of the process, data to be gathered and collected, and critical outcomes.

- The webinar will take place on September 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[Your Community by the Numbers - Diversity by the Numbers: Languages Spoken at Home](#)

In a monthly series of virtual workshops, the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications is partnering with the US Census Bureau to provide data learning opportunities for community partners. Participants will deepen the understanding of Census data and its use to build organizational capacity, assist in decision making, resource allocations and communication campaign adjustments. Learn how to access data on languages spoken at home within the state and in your community. Discover information on the rate of English proficiency and the growing number of speakers of other languages.

- The webinar will take place on October 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

Training

[Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management \(AWR-347\)](#)

This 8-hour course helps emergency services and the community better prepare for the climate adaptations necessary and systems vulnerabilities that may occur from hazard impacts. Participants will be able to describe the principles of climate adaptation planning for emergency management and existing first response processes and will be able to discuss the impact of weather on critical infrastructure and key resources while explaining the concurrent effects of climate change on those impacts. Participants will also gain an understanding of how to identify and apply adaptation strategies to address local emergency services sector vulnerabilities. The goal of this course is to prepare the community and the emergency services sector for the climate adaptations and systems vulnerabilities that might occur from hazard impacts and to enhance awareness to future climate hazards and impacts that the emergency services sector may face.

- Course will take place at the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management on September 11, 2024.

[Community Resilience \(AWR-228\)](#)

This 8-hour course demonstrates how to integrate risk and community-based collaborative strategies into plans and programs and introduces tools that help communities assess individual risks and vulnerabilities as well as introduces strategies to become more resilient and better prepared for natural disasters. This one-day training course will provide state and local government agency staff and other stakeholder groups with background on natural hazards. In addition, the course will guide an approach to (1) assess community resilience and (2) develop next steps for improved resilience. Through increased awareness of natural hazards and best practices, the course will enhance community resilience for state and local government agency staff that routinely interface with the community, private sector, and other stakeholder groups.

- Course will take place at the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management on September 12, 2024.

[Community Planning for Disaster Recovery \(AWR-356\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course provides facilitated discussions on key concepts for disaster recovery planning, including the benefits of pre-disaster planning, key elements, and the plan development process. This course will prepare participants to initiate disaster recovery plans and participate in the long-term recovery planning process in their own communities through the review of case studies and existing disaster recovery plans. The goal of this course is to prepare participants to evaluate and develop disaster recovery plans in the context of the Whole Community approach to planning.

- Course is available September 24-25, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., PST

[Coastal Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment Tools \(PER-378\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course provides training on the available tools for the assessment and planning for natural hazards and vulnerabilities that uniquely affect coastal communities. Examples of these hazards are short term events such as high surf, storm surge, and tsunami inundation, or long-term threats from sea level rise and coastal erosion. The course will include a guided exercise in which participants will learn to apply these tools in conducting a vulnerability assessment in their coastal communities. This course will build on the first course of the series, *Coastal Hazards Awareness*, by supplementing the awareness knowledge with tools and skills for practical use.

- Course is available October 2-3, 2024, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., PST.

[Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions \(MGT-461\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course is designed to provide emergency managers, first responders, transportation professionals, security and safety professionals, and government administrators with the ability to utilize current tools and technologies to institute best practices and strategies to plan for and execute an emergency evacuation. This course discusses the hazard conditions for which an emergency evacuation could be an appropriate protective action and inform participants on resources and methods to help them better prepare for an emergency evacuation. This course will allow participants to explore data, modelling tools, and simulations that assist with the implementation of an emergency evacuation.

- Course is available October 8-9, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., PST.

[Mitigation for Emergency Managers \(G393\)](#)

This 3-day course provides resources for mitigation activities fundamental to reduce and eliminate long-term hazard risks. Participants will understand their roles and responsibilities to develop and implement a mitigation strategy to reduce the impact of disasters. Topics discussed include mitigation plans, mitigation grant programs, the hazard analysis process, the role of FEMA in mitigation, and the role of the state in mitigation.

- Course will take place at the Cal OES Mather Headquarters Oct 9-11, 2024.

[Integrating Climate Change and Equity into Preparedness Activities \(MGT-302\)](#)

This 6-hour, virtual course prepares emergency planners, managers, and first responders to develop strategies for reducing the societal impact of future climate scenarios and extreme weather events through the National Preparedness System. Participants will enhance capabilities to address climate risks and address vulnerabilities by adopting best practices for incorporating vulnerable populations into risk assessments, planning, equipping, training, and exercises. By the end of the course, participants will have the ability to enhance whole community preparedness and capabilities with the latest best practices and resources.

- Course is available October 10, 2024, from 8:00 a.m.- 1:45 p.m., PST.

Resources

[FEMA National Resilience Guidance](#)

The new FEMA National Resilience Guidance offers a unifying vision of resilience and the principles and steps all communities and organizations can take to increase their resilience in every sector and discipline. This Guidance will help

everyone understand and fulfil their critical roles related to increasing national resilience.

[USGS Broadband Ground Motion Simulations for an Earthquake "Doublet" on the Hayward and Calaveras Faults](#)

This data was simulated in order to facilitate assessment of potential impacts of an earthquake "doublet" occurring in the San Francisco Bay region of California. In an earthquake doublet, an initial large magnitude (M7+) earthquake is followed several hours later by another large magnitude event occurring in close proximity to the first event. The impact assessment must consider the cascade of effects related to both events, e.g., the first event partially damaging a structure leaving it in a compromised state, which is then again subjected to strong shaking in the second event. The simulated broadband three-component time series can be used in the same manner as recorded earthquake ground motion data in any application requiring the use of such data. Furthermore, the scenario ShakeMaps derived from the simulations can be utilized in any application requiring USGS ShakeMap data as input (e.g., regional loss estimation).

[FEMA Wildfire Recovery Resources for Maui](#)

This Recovery Advisory provides a comprehensive set of resources and guidance for those affected by the Maui wildfires. The document is divided into several sections aimed at different audiences, including homeowners, businesses, and public officials and those in the design and construction profession. Local jurisdictions can use these examples, lessons learned, and best practices to plan for wildfire recovery in their own community.

[HUD Building Consensus and Trust: A Workbook for Units of General Local Government](#)

This workbook is a comprehensive resource designed to support units of general local government in fostering consensus and trust among leadership, departments, and roles within their communities. This workbook addresses a common challenge faced by local governments - disagreement among leadership - which delays the achievement of high-priority goals. The content of this workbook will guide leaders through a series of concepts that are essential to building internal consensus and trust.

[After Great Disasters: An In-Depth Analysis of How Six Countries Managed Community Recovery](#)

This book identifies lessons from different parts of the world to help communities and government leaders better organize for recovery after disasters. Post-disaster reconstruction offers opportunities to improve construction and design standards, renew infrastructure, create new land use arrangements, reinvent economies,

and improve governance. If done well, reconstruction can help break the cycle of disaster-related impacts and losses and improve the resilience of a city or region.



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