

The following is an update on the status of the FY 2025 HSGP (including SHSP, UASI, and Operation Stonegarden), EMPG, NSGP, and SLCGP awards, related litigation, and the status of reimbursements for DHS/FEMA non-disaster grant programs.

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| Q: | Has Cal OES accepted the NSGP, SLCGP, RCPGP, HSGP, and EMPG awards?  |
| A: | <p>Cal OES accepted the following grant awards on the dates noted:</p> <p>FY25 NSGP: January 29, 2026</p> <p>FY25 SLCGP: January 30, 2026</p> <p>FY25 RCPGP: January 30, 2026</p> <p>FY25 HSGP: February 13, 2026</p> <p>FY25 EMPG: February 13, 2026</p> <p>In accepting each award, Cal OES submitted a letter which set forth its understanding of the Agreement Articles for each grant program. Copies of those letters can be located <a href="#">here</a>.</p>  |
| Q: | What is the status of the reduction in the HSGP grant award to California from the award forth in the initial HSGP NOFO to the award set forth in the September 27, 2025, HSGP notice of award?  |
| A: | <p>California joined 11 other states and the District of Columbia in filing a federal lawsuit in the Rhode Island District Court, <i>State of Illinois, et al. v. Kristi Noem, et al</i>, Case No. 1:25-cv-00495, challenging the reduction of HSGP funding to plaintiffs, as well as the reduction of the period of performance (POP) for the HSGP and EMPG grant awards, and the population certification requirement for the EMPG grant award. (See below for FAQs addressing these issues.)</p> <p>On December 22, 2025, the court issued an order directing DHS/FEMA to amend HSGP awards to reflect the awards provided in the August 1, 2025 NOFO. A copy of the court's order can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Following the court's order, FEMA issued an amended award to California on January 30, 2026, reflecting the funding award set forth in the August 1, 2025, HSGP NOFO.</p> |

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| Q: | What is the status of the period of performance reduction from three years to one-year contained in the notices of award for HSGP and EMPG?  |
| A: | <p>Pursuant to the December 22, 2025, order issued by the Rhode Island District Court in <i>State of Illinois, et al. v. Kristi Noem, et al</i>, Case No. 1:25-cv-00495, the HSPG and EMPG periods of performance (POP) have been restored to those stated in the July 31, 2025 and August 1, 2025, Notices of Funding Opportunity as set forth below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY25 HSGP POP: September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2028</li> <li>• FY25 EMPG POP: October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the court's order can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>   |
| Q: | What is the status of the population certification requirement set forth in the EMPG grant?  |
| A: | <p>In addition to restoring the three-year period of performance as discussed above, the Rhode Island District Court's December 22, 2025, order in <i>State of Illinois, et al. v. Kristi Noem, et al</i>, Case No. 1:25-cv-00495, which rescinded the population certification requirement and enjoined defendants from "enforcing by any means against Plaintiffs and their instrumentalities and subdivisions the EMPG award terms titled 'Verification of a State's Population' or any materially similar terms requiring certification of a state's population as a condition on the receipt of federal funds."</p> <p>A copy of the court's order can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>   |
| Q: | What is the status of the DEI conditions contained in the DHS FY 2025 Terms & Conditions?  |
| A: | <p>In accepting the HSGP, EMPG, NSGP, SLCGP, and RCPGP awards, Cal OES submitted a letter setting forth its understanding of the Agreement Articles, including those designated as "DEI" conditions, in accepting each grant award. Copies of those letters are located <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>On December 1, 2025, FEMA issued an <a href="#">Information Bulletin</a> as a result of the district court's November 21, 2025, issuance of a preliminary injunction in <i>County of Santa Clara, et al. v. Kristi Noem, et al.</i> (N.D. Cal.) As reflected in the IB, pursuant to the terms of the order, DHS is restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action to withhold, freeze, or condition funds from the plaintiffs based on (1) Section C.XVII of the Standard DHS Terms (the "Discrimination Condition") and (2) Section C.XXXI of the Standard DHS Terms (the "EO Condition") as to any of the plaintiffs in that lawsuit. The <i>County of</i></p> |

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|           | <p><i>Santa Clara, et al.</i> plaintiffs from California are: County of Santa Clara, City and County of San Francisco, City of Alameda, City of Berkeley, City of Culver City, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District, County of Marin, City of Oakland, City of Palo Alto, City of Pasadena, City of Petaluma, City of Sacramento, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, City of San José, County of San Mateo, City of Santa Monica, City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District.</p>   |
| <p>Q.</p> | <p>What is the status of the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) and Non-Disaster Grants (ND Grants/PARS) System? Can subrecipients submit requests for reimbursements? Are subrecipients receiving any reimbursements during the current DHS shutdown?</p>   |
| <p>A.</p> | <p>Cal OES has not received any reimbursements from DHS/FEMA since the current shut down began on February 13 and FEMA GO and the Non-Disaster Grants System were unavailable.</p> <p>On March 23, 2026, FEMA issued an <a href="#">Information Bulletin</a> providing that grant recipients may now submit amendments and payment requests on all grant awards, including the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. However, any amendments and payment requests that require federal staff action will not be processed during the lapse except for the programs identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operation Stonegarden Grant Program</li> <li>• FIFA World Cup Grant Program</li> <li>• Countering-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Grant Program</li> </ul> <p>FEMA has also issued its <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a> regarding the FEMA GO and ND Grants/PARS System status. Of note, FEMA stated that payment requests and awards for HSGP from FY 2024 and earlier “typically do not require federal support, meaning they will be processed during the lapse in appropriations.”</p> |