



Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function May 2024 Bulletin

Funding Opportunities

[USGS Cooperative Landslide Hazard Mapping and Assessment Program](#)

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is soliciting project proposals for competitive grants to support landslide risk reduction efforts including communication, planning, coordination, mapping, assessments, and data collection. The organizations eligible to apply are state, territorial, local, and Tribal governments. This is the inaugural grant offered through the USGS Landslide Hazards Program and USGS encourages submission that will advance landslide hazard mapping and assessments, improve landslide hazard planning and coordination, or improve dissemination and effectiveness of landslide hazard information in mitigating losses.

- Proposals are due to USGS by June 17, 2024

[DOI WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects](#)

The US Department of Interior (DOI) WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects supports projects focused on environmental benefits and the reliability of water resources. Eligible applicants include states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and state, regional, or local authorities. Eligible activities include projects that: improve the timing or quantity of water available; improve water quality and temperature; improve stream or riparian conditions for the benefit of plant and animal species, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian areas, watershed health, and ecosystems; restore a natural feature or use a nature-based feature to reduce water supply and demand imbalances or the risk of drought or flooding; and projects that otherwise mitigate against the impacts of climate change to fish and wildlife habitats.

- Applications are due to DOI by June 18, 2024.

[FEMA Transit Security Grant Program](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Transit Security Grant Program provides \$83.7 million to eligible public transportation systems (which include intra-city bus, ferries and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience. Eligible transit agencies are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative areas. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following National Priority Areas in their Investment Justifications: enhancing cybersecurity or enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places.

- Applications are due to FEMA by June 24, 2024.

[FEMA Port Security Grant Program](#)

The FEMA Port Security Grant Program provides \$90 million to state, local, territorial, and private sector partners to support increased port-wide risk management and protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism. The 2024 program is focused on supporting increased maritime cybersecurity, port-wide maritime security risk management, enhancing maritime domain awareness, supporting maritime security training and exercises, and maintaining or reestablishing maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resilience capabilities. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, port authorities, facility operators, and state, territorial, and local government agencies. A facility operator owns, leases, or operates any structure or facility of any kind located in, on, under, or adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

- Applications are due to FEMA by June 24, 2024.

[FEMA Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program](#)

The FEMA Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program provides \$13.5 million to enhance the ability of Tribal Nations to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. Eligible applicants are federally recognized tribes. Applicants will receive a 20% increase to their scores for addressing one or more of the following six national priorities: enhancing cybersecurity; enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places; combating domestic violent extremism; enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis; enhancing community preparedness and resilience; and enhancing election security.

- Applications are due to FEMA by June 24, 2024.

[HHS Community Economic Development Program](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Community Economic Development (CED) program expands employment in communities facing persistent poverty and high unemployment by investing in community development corporations (CDCs) that create and expand businesses and job opportunities. Jobs created with CED funds provide living wages, paid leave, fringe benefits, and opportunities for career growth. CED provides funding to private, non-profit CDCs, including faith-based organizations and Tribal and Alaskan Native organizations. For every \$1 of CED funding that is used on a project, more than \$6 from other sources is invested back into low-income communities.

- Applications are due to HHS by July 2, 2024.

Webinars

[FEMA Community Lifelines](#)

FEMA Community Lifelines are the most fundamental services in the community that, when stabilized, enable all other aspects of society to function – safety and security; food, hydration, and shelter; health and medical; energy; communications; transportation; hazardous materials; and water systems. FEMA invites all state, local, tribal, and territorial partners to join the webinar to help improve the Community Lifelines construct within the National Response Framework.

- The webinar will take place May 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[APA National Risk Index Applications in Hazard Mitigation Planning: Practitioner Case Studies](#)

The American Planning Association (APA) and Association of State Floodplain Managers invites you to register for the May 2024 Planning Information Exchange webinar. This presentation provides an overview of how the FEMA National Risk Index can be leveraged for planning, based on case studies including state hazard mitigation plans for Utah, South Dakota, and New Mexico, in addition to a large-scale regional planning effort in Montana.

- The webinar will take place on May 15, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., PST.

[Preparedness Partners: Lessons from the Las Vegas Mass Shootings](#)

Logista will host a webinar that delves into the emergency response strategies employed during the tragic Las Vegas mass shootings. This session is tailored for disaster response, emergency management, and public health preparedness professionals seeking to enhance their understanding of crisis management in the face of unprecedented challenges. The panel of speakers includes a seasoned Public Health Preparedness Supervisor and two Assistant Emergency Managers who were directly involved in coordinating and executing the response efforts during the Las Vegas mass shootings. Leveraging their firsthand experience and expertise, they will provide invaluable insights, lessons learned, and best practices gleaned from these critical events.

- The webinar will take place May 16, 2024, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., PST.

[International Code Council and FEMA Building Safety Month Panel](#)

May is National Building Safety month at FEMA and they have designed a month-long campaign to bring awareness to new research, best practices, and innovative resources available to educate the public, partners, and stakeholders about the importance of modern building codes and strong code enforcement. Moderated by U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, this event will feature federal, state, and local partner discussion about building codes and the adoption of resilient codes in hazard-prone and underserved communities in the face of growing disaster risks.

- The event will be livestreamed May 16, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., PST.

[USDOT Equitable Data Analysis](#)

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration webinar series is designed to share equitable strategies and tools that can be integrated into transportation programs and projects to close disparities in roadway fatalities on the way to our shared goal of zero transportation deaths. In these sessions, State, regional, and local transportation professionals share innovative examples to inspire transportation professionals to equitably implement transportation improvements. Speakers will include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Syndromic Surveillance Data and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data tools.

- The webinar will take place May 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST

[California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair](#)

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) will host a virtual funding fair where state and federal agencies will highlight funding opportunities to help finance your infrastructure project and lift up your community. Visit the website to register for the event, download the Funding Fair Handbook, and view presentations from prior funding fairs.

- The virtual event will take place May 23 and May 29, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., PST.

[FEMA Ensuring Equitable Outcomes Through Hazard Mitigation Planning](#)

FEMA is committed to aiding vulnerable populations who face systemic barriers. Federal, state, local and tribal partners in FEMA Region 3 are working to include equity considerations in existing hazard mitigation planning projects and programs. This webinar will share tools and strategies to engage vulnerable communities and develop strategies to make your mitigation planning both effective and equitable.

- The webinar will take place May 29, 2024, from 8:00-9:00 a.m., PST.

[USDOT Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Transportation](#)

The USDOT Climate Change Center is hosting a 2024 webinar series on climate change and transportation topics, ranging from greenhouse gas reduction strategies to climate resilience activities to research and technology advancements. This webinar will highlight efforts to improve infrastructure resilience through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other funding opportunities, as well as through research and development of tools and resources.

- The webinar will take place May 30, 2024, from 10:00-11:15 a.m., PST

[EPA Cumulative Impacts: How Potential Flood Exposures, Resource Access, and Social Vulnerability Affect Resilience Outcomes](#)

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a webinar about geospatial model development and model applications in cumulative impacts research. The presentation will discuss the basic concepts and data that drive the models, as well as case studies that illustrate their utility in decision-making, goal setting and goal tracking. The research is grounded in environmental justice and resilience frameworks and is meant to connect local disparities to broader resilience outcomes, with a focus on delivering information at multiple geographic scales.

- The webinar will take place June 11, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., PST.

Training

[New FEMA Course: IS-1400 Foundations of Climate Science](#)

Developed for the new FEMA Climate Adaptation and Hazard Mitigation Certificate, this self-paced course provides fundamental instruction for participants to achieve basic understanding of climate change concepts. Emphasis will be placed on defining common vocabulary and identifying key concepts. The Climate Adaptation and Hazard Mitigation Certificate offers a dynamic and specialized program designed to empower emergency management professionals to effectively navigate, plan for, and respond to the impacts of climate change. The course objectives are to explain the concept of climate change and its impact on climate variability, explain how climate change impacts natural disasters to increase the risk for vulnerable populations and regions, and identify the current methods used to monitor and address climate change and emergency management.

[HURREVAC Training for Emergency Managers](#)

The National Hurricane Program is a partnership between FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the NOAA National Hurricane Center. HURREVAC is a free, web-based decision-support tool that assists emergency managers by providing information and tools to inform hurricane response decisions in advance of a threatening storm. This five-day training will take place June 10-14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PST.

[Community-Based Planning for All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Nations \(MGT-449\)](#)

This 12-hour, virtual course is delivered in three 4-hour Zoom sessions and the purpose of this management level, instructor-led course is to provide tribal nations with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to effectively detect, respond to, manage and mitigate all-hazard threats using a whole community approach. This course will include a practical exercise designed specifically to meet the needs of tribal communities.

- Deadline to register is May 27, 2024

[Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers \(MGT-403\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course will assist in preparing communities to meet the assistance and safety needs of older adults, and people with access and functional needs during a crisis event in rural communities using an approach with the Department of Homeland Security's Whole Community initiative. Due to the expected diverse student population, general information regarding crisis planning and response (incident command system, National Incident Management System, etc.) will be discussed, flowing into a narrower discussion regarding the needs and care issues of older adults. Included in the discussion are short- and long-term care, pet care, medication, and the need for durable medical equipment and healthcare. The issue of individuals from assisted-living and nursing homes will be emphasized in lessons learned from various disasters.

- Deadline to register is May 29, 2024

[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 July 16-17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

[Planning for Disaster Debris Management \(MGT-460\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course is designed to enable participants to identify debris management components and the best planning practices using existing plan examples and case studies. Participants will draft an outline of a debris management plan. The goal of this course is to enable participants to outline a disaster debris management plan and recognize special considerations when planning for debris management after a natural disaster. Course is available June 12-13, 2024, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is June 12, 2024.

[Coastal Hazards Awareness \(AWR-379\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course aims to increase the awareness of the hazards facing coastal communities and basic strategies to reduce the risk to those hazards. This course provides training on the basic science of, assessment of, and preparedness for natural hazards and risks 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. As an awareness-level course, this course aims to provide participants a general understanding of the risks associated with coastal hazards, introduce methods of assessing that risk, and describe tools to help prepare for, plan for, and reduce those risks to coastal communities. Course is available July 9-10, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is July 9, 2024.

[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 August 1-2, 2024 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is August 1, 2024.

Resources

[Cal OES Recovery Roundtable Distribution List](#)

With more than 20 million Californians under flood alerts at the end of January, it's more important than ever to share resources and best practices as we collectively prepare to respond to and recover from these more frequent and impactful weather events. Unity and collaboration form the bedrock upon which our communities can rebuild and emerge stronger than ever before. Sign up for the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Recovery Roundtable distribution list to receive updates about successful collaborations, emerging trends in emergency management, and the exemplary work undertaken by local jurisdictions and state agencies alike.

[FEMA Protective Actions Research](#)

FEMA's protective actions are research-validated advice that anyone can take to prepare for, keep safe during, and recover from a disaster. From natural disaster warnings to common emergency protective actions, the Protective Actions Research contains more than 380 personal protective actions recommendations based on over 230 research studies and articles by dozens of subject matter experts covering natural and human-caused hazards. Topics include cyberattack, earthquake, extreme heat, flood, landslide, power outage, thunderstorm, tornado, wildfire, winter storm, and more.

[FEMA Guidance on Climate Adaption Planning for Emergency Managers](#)

The new FEMA Climate Adaptation Planning guide helps emergency managers incorporate climate adaptation into emergency management planning efforts and the structure is designed to walk state, local, Tribal Nation and territorial partners. The guide identifies emergency manager responsibilities and resources in climate adaptation planning by highlighting: climate impacts by community lifeline and recovery support function; existing climate mapping tools; potential funding resources; and climate trainings.

- FEMA will host a series of three, [60-minute webinar sessions](#) in May to provide an overview of the Climate Adaptation Planning guide and gather feedback from whole community partners.

[FEMA Seeks National Resilience Guidance Feedback](#)

FEMA is seeking feedback on the draft National Resilience Guidance from whole community stakeholders. With the goal of increasing community and national resilience, the guidance promotes a common understanding of resilience; emphasizes the critical relationship between chronic community stressors and shocks; addresses the roles of all stakeholders; provides an actionable approach to resilience planning and implementation; and incorporates a community resilience maturity model that walks through concrete steps to build resilience.

- FEMA will host a series of four, [60-minute webinar sessions](#) in May to provide an overview of the National Resilience Guidance and gather feedback from whole community partners.

[OPR Annual Planning Survey Report](#)

At the end of 2023, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) surveyed city and county governments to understand the needs and actions of jurisdictions. OPR highly values the insights of city and county partners and is thankful for the time and effort agencies put into completing the survey. The insights and perspectives provided in this report will inform OPR's efforts as they work to support California's communities.

[USDA and EDA Stronger Together: Economic Development in Rural America](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) updated their Stronger Together guide in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The guide was developed to support rural communities build strategies to boost local economic development.



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