2022 PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is pleased to announce a second round of the state-funded Prepare California initiative to help socially vulnerable and high hazard risk communities—which are impacted disproportionately by disasters and experience longer and more challenging economic and structural recoveries—jumpstart their progress toward greater resilience through advanced outreach, technical assistance, and funds to augment local staffing.

Prepare California JumpStart is a competitive grant program that provides State funding to eligible socially vulnerable and high hazard risk communities. Through this grant program, eligible communities can augment staffing by funding a Chief Resilience Officer, or a position of similar scope and title, thereby increasing capacity to develop local initiatives that foster mitigation, preparedness, and recovery activities, and mitigation project scoping. Each application may be up to $1 million dollars in State funds.

Table 1: 2022 Prepare California JumpStart Snapshot

Topic	Program Criteria
Funding agency	Cal OES
Apply as	Applicant
Project cost to applicant	Fully funded by Cal OES (i.e., no local cost share for applicant)
Funding Cap	Applications may not receive more than $1 million in state funds
Period of Performance	60 months
Benefit-Cost Analysis	Not required
Eligible Activities	Staff augmentation and a limited number of supplies and materials
Procurement	State and local requirements
Award	Reimbursement based; no advanced funding
How to apply	Email application and supporting documentation to PrepareCAJumpStart@caloes.ca.gov
Questions	PrepareCAJumpStart@caloes.ca.gov

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART

Eligible applicants must be a local or Tribal government—including cities, towns, and federally and non-federally recognized tribes—that are considered a socially vulnerable and high hazard risk community according to the Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Assistance Division's Vulnerability Map[1]. Counties and special government districts may also be eligible to receive funding if they can demonstrate that staff augmentation directly and primarily benefits a qualified socially vulnerable and high hazard risk community or communities.

Prepare California JumpStart applicants must have a FEMA-approved-and-adopted local or tribal hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) prior to the application due date of October 7, 2022. Visit the Cal OES Local Hazard Mitigation Program website for more information.

PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART STAFF AUGMENTATION OBJECTIVE

The primary activity eligible under this round of Prepare California JumpStart is the hiring, or continuation of services, of a Chief Resilience Officer or position of similar scope of services and authority. Successful applications will adequately demonstrate that their position will incorporate **all** the following components as part of the routine services hired under this grant:

- Coordinate with a variety of key stakeholders to thoroughly identify the applicant organization's resilience challenges and goals.
- Lead the development of a comprehensive strategy that is informed by the array of needs facing the applicant community, including the populations and infrastructure that are most vulnerable, and incorporates planning and implementation of mitigation, preparedness, and recovery activities, and mitigation project scoping.

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[1] 1 The Vulnerability Map shows all census tracts that are eligible for Jumpstart funding by meeting BOTH the social vulnerability AND hazard metrics. To meet the Social Vulnerability metric, a census tract must have a Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score >.70 OR a median household income less than 80% of the state median in 2019. A census tract must also meet the hazard risk criteria by demonstrating a >.70 average in their top four hazards OR >.85 in any one hazard OR a significant earthquake exposure by exceeding the average expected ground motion with a 2% probability over 50 years. Hazard exposure is based on Cal OES' analysis of several datasets related to wildfire, flood, earthquake, drought, and heatwave frequencies. These sources include Pyrologix (wildfire), First Street Foundation (flood), National Risk Index for Natural Hazards (earthquake, drought, and heatwave), California Department of Conservation Sheet Map 48: Earthquake potential for CA (earthquake), and Cal Adapt (wildfire and heatwave). Social vulnerability scores are based on the 2018 CDC Social Vulnerability Index and the American Community Survey 2015-2019.

- Contribute knowledge and expertise to continuously improve and implement the applicant organization's resilience strategy.
- Identify and secure funding, such as Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA), over the period of performance that aligns with the applicant organization's resilience strategy and can ensure its continued success.

PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART PROGRAM CRITERIA

Staff Augmentation Application Criteria

Prepare California JumpStart applications are limited to **$1 million in state funds per application** and must demonstrate commitment to resiliency and mitigation project scoping, as well activities, education, and/or planning for mitigation, preparedness, and/or recovery. Applicants should clearly describe how their initiative fulfills these criteria within their application **and** identify success metrics. Applications that identify any primary activity other than staff augmentation **will not** be considered.

Applicants must demonstrate through the application that there are tangible deliverables and initiatives that directly and primarily benefit a qualified socially vulnerable and high hazard risk community or communities. As a deliverable during the period of performance, applicants **must** pursue project scoping that leads to a Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) subapplication(s). This may include Mitigation Projects under any HMA program, Advance Assistance (AA) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and/or Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs.

The position funded through Prepare California JumpStart may not supplant existing staff or positions. Applicants must thoroughly demonstrate through the application that the position **supplements** existing staff and **increases** the applicant organization's capacity.

Budget Application Criteria

Prepare California JumpStart applications have **three eligible cost items**. Applicants must adequately justify and describe each cost item within their application. Eligible cost items are as follows:

1. Total Cost of Salary: The total of the position's salary over the period of performance that would be funded by this grant, excluding fringe benefits or any private or local investments.

2. <u>Total Cost of Fringe Benefits:</u> The total of any fringe benefits associated with the position over the period of performance that would be funded by this grant, excluding any private or local investments.
3. <u>Total Cost of Supplies and Materials:</u> The total of any supplies and materials required to support the position and a successful working environment, not to exceed $5,000.00 annually over the period of performance. Supplies and materials must support the eligible position and not the position's deliverables or initiatives (i.e., technology and office supplies are eligible).

Local Cost Share (Non-Federal Share)
Prepare California JumpStart **does not** have a local cost share (i.e., non-federal share) requirement, as this program is fully funded by the state.

Period of Performance
Prepare California JumpStart awards have a period of performance of 60 months maximum.

Benefit-Cost Analysis
Prepare California JumpStart **does not** have a benefit-cost analysis (BCA) requirement.

Environmental and Historic Preservation
Prepare California JumpStart is **not intended** for projects that would require compliance with California environmental and historic preservation (EHP) laws, executive orders, and regulations. Projects that do require EHP reviews (i.e., groundbreaking activity / construction projects) should be submitted under FEMA's HMA Programs.

Procurement
Contracts and purchases made with Prepare California JumpStart funds must comply with all applicable California and local procurement laws, regulations, and policies.

Contractors who assist with grant application development will be ineligible to compete for subsequent procurements / contracts on the same grant award due to conflict of interest in which an unfair competitive advantage is present.

PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS
Interested applicants must submit their application to PrepareCAJumpStart@caloes.ca.gov with "Prepare California JumpStart" in the subject line and in the title of the application (e.g., *Prepare California JumpStart,*

City of Metropolis, Chief Resilience Officer). The application can be found on Cal OES' 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program website.

Cal OES will review all applications for eligibility and fulfillment of the State's priorities, coordinate on any outstanding requests for information, and notify applicants of their prospective selection for funding.

All applications must be submitted by October 7, 2022. Applications submitted after the posted deadline will be considered if funding remains available.

Table 2: 2022 Prepare California JumpStart Schedule

Date	Milestone
August 29, 2022	Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released
September 1, 2022	JumpStart Webinar #1
September 8, 2022	JumpStart Webinar #2
September 9, 2022	JumpStart Office Hours #1
September 15, 2022	JumpStart Webinar #3
September 16, 2022	JumpStart Office Hours #2
September 22, 2022	JumpStart Webinar #4
September 23, 2022	JumpStart Office Hours #3
September 30,2022	JumpStart Office Hours #4
October 06, 2022	JumpStart Office Hours #5
October 07, 2022	JumpStart Office Hours #6
October 07,2022	Applications due via email to PrepareCAJumpStart@caloes.ca.gov
October 2022	Application Request for Information (RFI) Period
November 2022	Application Review Period
Winter 2022-23	Award Announcement
Winter 2023- Spring 2023	Activity Start

PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART AWARD AND GRANT MONITORING

Upon Cal OES award, recipients will submit requests for reimbursement as work is completed. Cal OES requires recipients to submit reimbursement requests quarterly via submission of the quarterly report. Reimbursement requests will be subject to supporting documentation requirements to substantiate costs and validate eligibility against the approved application and scope of work.

Recipients are responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of their grant. Consistent with other mitigation grant programs, recipients are subject to quarterly progress and financial reporting, a closeout process, and site visits as deemed necessary by Cal OES.

PREPARE CALIFORNIA JUMPSTART TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Cal OES is pleased to provide technical assistance to interested applicants. Our subject matter experts are available to discuss project eligibility, the application process, or other related matters. Please reach out to PrepareCAJumpStart@caloes.ca.gov with questions or to schedule a call.