

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Application due: July 31, 2026



Continuing Training Grants

Assistance Listing Number: 97.005

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Before you begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and Grants.gov registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov registration (this can take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov registration (this can take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

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Fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and other criminal or noncriminal misconduct related to this program may be reported to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Hotline. The toll-free numbers to call are 1-(800)-323-8603 and TTY 1-(844)-889-4357



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Step 1: Review the Opportunity

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Basic Information

A. Award Facts

Agency Name: U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), National Training and Education Division (NTED).

Assistance Listing Number: 97.005

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Title: Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants (CTG)

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Announcement Type: Initial

Expected Award Range: Focus Area 1: \$1.7M to \$1.7M and Focus Area 2: \$4.0M to \$4.0M

Expected Total Funding: \$5,700,000.00

Anticipated Number of Awards: 2

B. Executive Summary

Through the Continuing Training Grants (CTG) program, the Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) plays an important role in the National Preparedness System. The CTG program supports building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities through the development and delivery of training to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal), which is “a secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

For Fiscal Year 2026, FEMA plans to award cooperative agreements for two focus areas: one to support preparedness for the 2028 Summer Olympics through a non-competitive process and another for rural and tribal training through a competitive process to deliver high-quality, evidence-based FEMA-certified training to a nationwide audience to strengthen core capabilities and close national preparedness gaps to build a secure and resilient nation.



Have questions? See [Contacts and Support](#)

Key Dates

Projected Application Start Date: July 1, 2026

Projected Application End Date: July 31, 2026

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: August 30, 2026

Anticipated Award Date: September 15, 2026

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: September 1, 2026

Projected Period of Performance End Date: August 31, 2029

Budget Period: September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2029

Eligibility

A. Eligible Entities

Only the following entities or entity types are eligible to apply.

Applicant Eligibility

Applicant Eligibility for focus area 1—*2028 Summer Olympics Preparedness*—is:

- The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security at the University of Southern Mississippi

Applicant Eligibility for focus area 2—*Rural and Tribal training*—is limited to organizations that provide FEMA-certified rural and tribal training and are:

- State and commonwealth governments, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territory governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments (Tribal governments)
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service status
- Nonprofit private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit national associations and organizations
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Subapplicant Eligibility

Subapplicants and subawards are allowed under this Funding Opportunity.

B. Project Type Eligibility

Allowable Project Types

Identify, develop, test, and deliver on-site mobile and web-based training at the awareness, performance, planning and management levels to the state, local tribal, and territorial (SLTT) emergency management and emergency response workforce.

Unallowable Project Types

This program does not allow construction and renovation projects.

C. Requirements for Personnel, Partners, and Other Parties

Subapplicants should not have foreign nationals or noncitizens included. If a subapplicant has foreign nationals, they must be properly vetted and must adhere to all government statutes, policies, and procedures including “staff American, stay in America” and security requirements.

Sub-applicants/subrecipients must submit short bios and resumes. These should include the type of entity, organizational leadership, and board members along with both the names and addresses of the individuals. Resumes are subject to approval.

D. Maximum Number of Applications

The maximum number of applications that can be submitted is:
1 per applicant, per focus area.

E. Additional Restrictions

Recipients/subrecipients, and if applicable, applicants/subapplicants, are required to certify their compliance with federal statutes, DHS directives, policies, and procedures.

F. References to Other Eligibility Factors

Please see the following references provided below:

1. “Threshold Review Criteria” subsection
2. “Financial Integrity Criteria” subsection
3. “Supplemental Financial Integrity Criteria and Review” subsection
4. FEMA may request financial information such as the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and bank information as part of the potential award selection. This will apply to everyone who benefits from the award, including subrecipients.

G. Cost Share Requirements

There is no cost share requirement.

H. Cost Share Description, Type, and Restrictions

Not applicable.

I. Cost Share Example

Not applicable.

J. Required Information for Verifying Cost Share

Not applicable.

[Maintenance of Effort](#)

Not applicable.

Program Description

A. Program Purpose

The Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) Continuing Training Grants (CTG) program, was created to build a secure and resilient nation that is ready to mitigate, respond to, and recover from hazards and disasters by closing preparedness gaps and increasing core capabilities through the development and delivery of specialized, accessible, multi-level, high-quality training to SLTT and non-profit organizations’ partner emergency management professionals and stakeholders nationwide. This program provides financial support to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as non-profit organizations, to develop and deliver

specialized training programs. These programs are designed to improve the skills and knowledge of emergency responders and community members in handling incidents such as disasters, terrorist attacks, and other emergencies.

Since Fiscal Year 2023, rural and Tribal programs funded by CTG program have delivered upwards of 1,000 courses to 28,000 first responders, emergency managers, and local leaders. Currently, the National Preparedness Course Catalog offers 34 rural and Tribal courses covering topics such as emergency management, disaster response, public health preparedness, and community resilience. These courses are designed to address the unique challenges faced by rural and Tribal communities and support their ongoing efforts to strengthen local preparedness and response capabilities.

Supporting preparedness efforts for the 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympics in paramount to ensuring the safety and security of athletes, spectators, and host communities, and requires close coordination among federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial partners to effectively plan for and respond to potential risks and emerging threats. The training objective is to address evolving threats and hazards associated with the Olympics, closing capability gaps through targeted learning solutions that enhance public safety. The training strategy will be largely based upon lessons learned from 2026 FIFA World Cup preparedness and will focus on course deliveries for over 24 Olympic host communities, including 19 in California and others across five additional states.

B. Goals and Objectives

Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness. Executive Order 14239 establishes that preparedness is most effectively managed at the state, local, and individual levels, with support from a capable, accessible, and efficient Federal Government. The policy of the United States emphasizes that State and local governments, as well as individuals, should take a more active and significant role in national resilience and preparedness. This approach helps save American lives, protect livelihoods, reduce taxpayer costs through increased efficiency, and promote collective prosperity. In alignment with this policy, FEMA's FY 2026 CTG program seeks to advance these objectives by partnering with world-class non-federal, state-based training organizations to develop and deliver multi-level and multi-modality using the ADDIE model and incorporating best practices, methodologies, and technologies for instructional design and delivery to ensure and expand SLTT government and other stakeholder training access at scale to close identified gaps across the preparedness cycle, and reduce risks and vulnerabilities for communities across the nation.

The CTG program supports the National Preparedness Goal of building a secure and resilient nation by developing and sustaining the capabilities required to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk and inculcating a culture of preparedness needed to strengthen the emergency management workforce through the development, update, and sustainment of a robust, comprehensive portfolio of high-quality, evidence-and risk-based, aligned, operationally relevant, mission-critical, and cost-effective FEMA-certified training solutions driven by modern analytics to address two focus areas: 2028 Summer Olympic Games preparedness and Rural and Tribal training.

Focus Area 1: Preparedness for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games

This focus area aims at providing training that supports 19 Olympic host communities—designated as zones in California—and additional zones in five other states. The goal is to address evolving and emerging threats and hazards related to the 2028 Summer Olympics and to close capability gaps by providing learning solutions that strengthen public safety. Detailed requirements are outlined in Appendix II of this NOFO.

Focus Area 2: Certified Rural and Tribal Training

This focus area is designed to help rural communities and tribal nations address evolving and emerging threats and hazards, close capability gaps, and enhance preparedness and resilience through targeted learning solutions. Detailed requirements are outlined in Appendix II of this NOFO.

To achieve the goals and fulfill the purpose of the program, FEMA and CTG training partners will pursue the following objectives as they relate to 2028 Summer Olympic Games and Rural and Tribal Nation preparedness over the three-year period of performance:

1. Address capability gaps and strategic goals across the preparedness cycle and improve resilience through targeted training solutions based on identified current and emerging threats, core capabilities, and documented deficiencies to reduce risks and vulnerabilities in communities nationwide.
2. Use the ADDIE instructional design process to develop, update, and sustain a robust portfolio of high-quality, operationally relevant, cost-effective FEMA-certified training solutions that address relevant capability gaps and threats and strengthen resilience.
3. Enhance training effectiveness and application using innovative approaches, new methodologies, best practices, and technology.
4. Strengthen the emergency management workforce by providing safe, effective, standardized, applicable, repeatable tactics, techniques, and procedures.
5. Demonstrate sound financial stewardship and maximize training return on investment by focusing on cost-effective training delivery.

Ultimately, these efforts will support the nation's first responders, emergency managers, and local leaders' ability to meet current and future needs to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from catastrophic disasters and complex incidents, preventing and reducing the loss of life and property.

C. Performance Measures and Targets

CTG recipients are required to collect data so FEMA can measure performance and outcomes and to demonstrate how activities contribute to the program purpose, goal, and objectives. FEMA will measure the CTG members' performance using the following indicators:

1. To prove that the program supports strategic outcomes and capability gaps through operationally relevant, evidence-based, targeted training solutions aligned with identified current and emerging threats, risks, and hazards, CTG members and FEMA will determine the number and percentage of training courses that are explicitly mapped to at least one National Preparedness Goal core capability through a completed, approved Unified Training Needs Assessment with a goal of 90% of the active portfolio meeting this standard by the end of FY 2028.

2. To ensure partners are using the ADDIE instructional design method to produce high-quality, operationally relevant, cost-effective FEMA-certified training solutions that strengthen resilience, CTG partners and FEMA will:
 - a. Measure whether the percentage of developed, updated, and sustained courses that are mapped to at least one core capability and outcome articulated in the National Preparedness Goal meets or exceeds 95%.
 - b. Measure whether 90% of courses have been reviewed and recertified within a three-year recertification window.
3. To measure training effectiveness, CTG partners and FEMA will:
 - a. Measure whether at least 70% of learners attain post-test scores that reflect at least a 26-point increase over pre-test scores, indicating that sufficient learning has occurred (Kirkpatrick Level 2-Learning) and compare this percentage to previous years to ensure these gains are maintained over time.
 - b. Measure whether at least 60% of learners self-report applying knowledge or skills on the job within three months of completing training (Kirkpatrick Level 3-Behavior).
4. To determine how well CTG partners are operating as an integrated networked community of training partners to ensure and expand access to and availability of high-quality, effective training at scale, FEMA and CTG partners will:
 - a. Calculate whether the percentage of respondents indicating training met or exceeded expectations (Kirkpatrick Level 1-Reaction) averages at least 75% and has not decreased since previous years.
 - b. Determine if at least 19 of 24 Olympic host communities were recipients of training (focus area 1).
 - c. Determine if at least two rural communities or tribal nations in at least 30 of the 50 states and five territories were recipients of training (focus area 2).
5. To evaluate how well training helps strengthen the emergency management workforce by providing safe, effective, standardized, applicable, repeatable tactics, techniques, and procedures. CTG partners and FEMA will determine whether at least 40% of delivered courses provided learners with physical or electronic references and tools that they can retain and use outside of training.
6. To ensure sound financial stewardship of government resources, CTG partners and FEMA will determine whether the inflation-adjusted average direct cost per course delivery (Kirkpatrick Level 5, ROI) was maintained or reduced annually without impacting satisfaction or learning levels.

D. Federal Assistance Type

Cooperative Agreement

The CTG program, prescribed by this notice, is awarded through a cooperative agreement, as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 200.1. Cooperative agreement](#), and consistent with the [Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977](#), Pub. L. No. 95-224 (codified as amended at 31 U.S.C. §§ 6301-6308). FEMA maintains substantial involvement with all recipients as they carry out activities under the award to include financial monitoring and all training development and delivery activities, including the creation and approval of course content, arrangement of learning objectives, establishment of training delivery modes and methods, and use of the Kirkpatrick evaluation model. NTED Training Partners program managers serve as the authority to provide approval and disapproval for all activities over the life cycle of the award. As FEMA will work directly with the award recipient, training will be compliant with agency standards for curriculum

design and development and students taking the training will benefit from standardized, high-quality learning.

E. Program-Specific Unallowable Costs

This program does not allow construction and renovation costs and is subject to all Terms & Conditions where restrictions are provided.

Note: The above may not be exhaustive. Please consult the applicable terms and conditions and with FEMA for more information.

F. General Funding Requirements

Costs charged to federal awards (including federal and non-federal cost share funds) must comply with applicable statutes, rules and regulations, policies, this NOFO, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. This includes, among other requirements, that costs must be incurred, and products and services must be delivered within the budget period (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.403\(h\)](#)).

Recipients may not use federal funds or any cost share funds for the following activities:

1. Matching or cost sharing requirements for other federal grants and cooperative agreements (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.306](#)).
2. Lobbying or other prohibited activities under [18 U.S.C. § 1913](#) or [2 C.F.R. § 200.450](#).
3. Prosecuting claims against the federal government or any other government entity (see [2 C.F.R. § 200.435](#)).

G. Prohibition on Covered Equipment or Services

FEMA provides additional resources regarding the prohibition on covered telecommunications equipment and services in its policy titled [Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services](#) (FEMA Policy #405-143-1). This policy outlines specific requirements related to the prohibition. Additionally, FEMA's [Contract Provisions Guide](#) offers sample language for the required contract provisions.

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors or subcontractors must comply with the prohibitions set forth in [Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019](#), which restrict the purchase of covered telecommunications and surveillance equipment and services. See [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471](#), and [Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) for more information.

[Prohibition on Covered Foreign Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\)](#)

Recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors or subcontractors must also comply with Section 1825 of the American Security Drone Act of 2023, enacted as part of the [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024](#) (Pub. L. No. 118-31 §§ 1821-33, 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.). This provision mandates that, beginning December 22, 2025, no federal funds awarded through a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, or otherwise made available may be used to procure a covered unmanned aircraft system (UAS) that is manufactured or assembled by a covered foreign entity. Significantly, no funds may be used in connection with the operation of such a drone or UAS. For more information, refer to [Public Law 118-31](#)

and [OMB Memorandum M-26-02, Ensuring Government Use of Secure Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Supporting United States Producers](#).

H. Beneficiary and Participant Eligibility

Beneficiary

The direct beneficiary of this grant is The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security at the University of Southern Mississippi and the CTG rural/tribal recipient (through competitive process). The recipients of the funding are responsible for developing and delivering training to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) emergency responders.

Third-party beneficiaries under this NOFO are the SLTT emergency responders and related personnel who receive the training funded by the grant. These individuals and their respective agencies are not parties to the award or subaward but directly benefit from the training, resources, and enhanced preparedness capabilities provided through the applicant activities.

Participant

This NOFO and any subsequent federal awards create no rights or causes of action for any beneficiary or participant. Please consult the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, your awarding agency's terms and conditions, and your awarding documents for more details.

I. Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are allowed for recipients of this grant.

Indirect costs (IDC) are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and not readily assignable to specific cost objectives without disproportionate effort. Applicants with a current negotiated IDC rate agreement who desire to charge indirect costs to a federal award must provide a copy of their IDC rate agreement with their applications. Not all applicants are required to have a current negotiated IDC rate agreement. Applicants that are not required to have a negotiated IDC rate agreement, but are required to develop an IDC rate proposal, must provide a copy of their proposal with their applications. Applicants without a current negotiated IDC rate agreement (including a provisional rate) and wish to charge the de minimis rate must reach out to FEMA for further instructions. Applicants who wish to use a cost allocation plan in lieu of an IDC rate proposal must reach out to FEMA for further instructions. As it relates to the IDC for subrecipients, a recipient must follow the requirements of [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.332](#) and [200.414](#) in approving the IDC rate for subawards.

J. Budget Period

There will be only a single budget period with the same start and end dates as the period of performance.

K. Pre-Award Costs

Pre-award costs are not allowed.

L. Management and Administration Costs

Management and Administration Costs (M&A) are allowed at no greater than 5% of award.

M&A are not overhead costs but are necessary direct costs incurred in direct support of the federal award or as a consequence of it, such as travel, meeting-related expenses, and salaries of full/part-time staff in direct support of the program. As such, M&A costs can be itemized in financial reports.

M. Authorizing Authority

Homeland Security and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 119-86 (2026).

N. Appropriation Authority

Homeland Security and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 119-86 (2026).



Step 2: Get Ready to Apply

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Submission Requirements and Application Deadlines

A. Registration

You must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account which includes having a UEI. SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

For more detailed instructions for obtaining a UEI number or to register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](https://sam.gov) and click “Get Started.” From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov). You can see step-by-step instructions see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

B. Requesting the Application Package

The application package is accessible in the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. To access the system, go to <https://go.fema.gov/>.

C. Application and Submission Instructions

To apply for an award under this program, all applicants must:

1. Apply for, update, or verify their UEI number and EIN from the Internal Revenue Service;
2. Provide their UEI number in the application;
3. Have an account with login.gov;
4. Register for, update, or verify their [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) account and ensure the account is active before submitting the application;
5. Register in FEMA GO, add the organization to the system, and establish the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR). The organization’s electronic business point of contact (eBiz POC) from the SAM registration may need to be involved in this step. For step-by-step instructions, see the [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#);
6. Submit the complete application in FEMA GO; and
7. Always maintain an active SAM registration with current information during which the applicant has an active federal award, an application, or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency. As part of this, applicants must also provide information on an applicant’s immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance within the last three years, if applicable.

Per [2 C.F.R. 25.110\(a\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#), if an applicant is experiencing exigent circumstances that prevents it from obtaining an UEI number and completing SAM registration prior to receiving a federal award, the applicant must notify FEMA as soon as possible. Contact fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov and provide the details of the exigent circumstances.

D. How to Register to Apply

General Instructions

Registering and applying for an award under this program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Below are instructions for registering to apply for FEMA funds. Read the instructions carefully and prepare the requested information before beginning the registration process. Gathering the required information before starting the process will alleviate last-minute searches for required information.

The registration process can take up to four weeks to complete. To ensure an application meets the deadline, applicants are advised to start the required steps well in advance of their submission. Organizations must have a UEI number, EIN, and an active SAM registration.

Obtain a UEI Number

All entities applying for funding, including renewal funding, must have a UEI number.

Obtain Employer Identification Number

In addition to having a UEI number, all entities applying for funding must provide an EIN. The EIN can be obtained from the IRS at [Get an employer identification number](#).

Create a login.gov account

Applicants must have a [login.gov](#) account to register with SAM or update their SAM registration. Applicants can create a login.gov account at [Create an account](#).

Applicants only have to create a login.gov account once. For existing SAM users, use the same email address for both login.gov and SAM.gov so that the two accounts can be linked.

For more information on the login.gov requirements for SAM registration, refer to [SAM.gov](#).

Register with SAM.gov

In addition to having a UEI number, all organizations must register with SAM.gov. Failure to register with SAM.gov will prevent your organization from applying through FEMA GO. SAM.gov registration must be renewed annually and must remain active throughout the entire grant life cycle.

For more detailed instructions for registering with SAM.gov, refer to [Register with SAM.gov](#).

Note: per [2 C.F.R. § 25.200](#) applicants must also provide the applicant's immediate and highest-level owner, subsidiaries, and predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance, applicants must also provide the applicant's immediate and highest-level owner, subsidiaries, and predecessors that have been awarded federal contracts or federal financial assistance within the past three years, if applicable.

Register in FEMA GO, Add the Organization to the System, and Establish the AOR

Applicants must register in [FEMA GO](#) and add their organization to the system. The organization's electronic business point of contact (eBiz POC) from the SAM.gov registration may need to be involved in this step. For step-by-step instructions, see the [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#).

Note: FEMA GO will support only the most recent major release of the following browsers:

- Google Chrome;
- Mozilla Firefox;
- Apple Safari; and
- Microsoft Edge.

Applicants using tablet type devices or other browsers may encounter issues with using FEMA GO.

E. Submitting the Final Application

Applicants will be prompted to submit the standard application information, and any program-specific information required in FEMA GO.

After submitting the final application, FEMA GO will provide either an error message or send an email to the submitting AOR confirming the transmission was successfully received.

F. Application Deadline

July 31, 2026, 5 p.m. Eastern Time

G. Pre-Application Requirements Deadline

Not applicable.

H. Post Application Requirements Deadline

Not applicable.

I. Effects of Missing Deadlines

All applications must be completed in FEMA GO by the application deadline. FEMA GO automatically records proof of submission and generates an electronic date/time stamp when FEMA GO successfully receives an application. The submitting AOR will receive an email with an official date/time stamp and a FEMA GO tracking number to serve as proof of timely submission prior to the application deadline.

Applicants experiencing system-related issues have until 3 p.m. ET on the date applications are due to notify FEMA. No new system-related issues will be addressed after this deadline. Applications not received by the application submission deadline will not be accepted.



Step 3: Write Your Application

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Application Contents and Format

A. Application Requirements

The following forms or information are integrated into the application package in FEMA GO. Applicants should review these forms at [SF-424 Family | Grants.gov](#) before applying to ensure they are providing all required information.

1. SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance
2. Grants.gov Lobbying Form, Certification Regarding Lobbying
3. SF-424A, Budget Information (Non-Construction)
 - If construction is permitted under the program, submit SF-424C, Budget Information (Construction), instead of SF-424A
4. SF-424B, Standard Assurances (Non-Construction)
 - If construction is permitted under the program, submit SF-424D, Standard Assurances (Construction), instead of SF-424B
5. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

B. Required Documents, Content, and Formatting

Applications must be limited to 20 pages, 12-point font size in Times New Roman, 1” margins, letter size paper, and 1 copy. Sequence and assembly requirements described in Appendix II.

C. Program-Specific Required Documents and Information

The following program-specific forms or information are required to be submitted in FEMA GO:

1. Project Narrative - Executive Summary and other sections described in Appendix II (submit as a separate attachment labeled as Project Narrative)
2. Detailed Budget and Budget Narrative – Budget information described in Appendix II (submit as a separate attachment labeled as Budget Narrative)
3. Active Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (submit as a separate attachment described as Indirect Cost Rate Agreement)

D. Post-Application Requirements for Successful Applicants

Not applicable.



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Application Review Information

A. Threshold Criteria

This notice provides funding for the CTG partners to develop, deliver, and evaluate mission critical and mission essential training for SLTT partners, which supports the objective of the National Preparedness System to facilitate an integrated, community-centric, risk-informed, capabilities-based approach to preparedness. CTG applicants must submit all (100%) required application forms and program specific documents as described above.

B. Application Criteria

Federal and non-federal subject matter experts will evaluate applications for Rural and Tribal Preparedness (Focus Area 2) using the categories described in Appendix 2. FEMA leadership will review all scoring results and will then apply additional factors such as executive and legislative guidance, alignment with DHS and FEMA strategic priorities, along with investment strategy and budgetary limits. Specific criteria is listed in Appendix 2.

The focus area 1 application will be reviewed and evaluated by the NTED program office before recommendations are made to FEMA leadership for awards.

C. Financial Integrity Criteria

Before making an award, the awarding agency is required to review OMB-designated databases for applicants' eligibility and financial integrity information. This is required by the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 ([Pub. L. No. 116-117, § 2 \(2020\)](#), [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#), and the "Do Not Pay Initiative" ([31 U.S.C. 3354](#)). For more details, please see [2 C.F.R. § 200.206](#).

Thus, the Financial Integrity Criteria may include the following risk-based considerations of the applicant:

1. Financial stability.
2. Quality of management systems and ability to meet management standards.
3. History of performance in managing federal award.
4. Reports and findings from audits.
5. Ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements.

D. Supplemental Financial Integrity Criteria and Risk Review

Before making an award expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, defined at 41 U.S.C. § 134, over the period of performance:

1. The awarding agency is required by [41 U.S.C. § 2313](#) to review or consider certain information found in SAM.gov. For details, please see [2 C.F.R. § 200.206\(a\)\(2\)](#).
2. An applicant may review and comment on any information in the responsibility/qualification records available in [SAM.gov](#).
3. Before making decisions in the risk review required by [2 C.F.R. § 200.206](#), the awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant.

E. Reviewer Selection

Reviewers for the CTG program are selected through a process to ensure they have the necessary expertise and experience.

Reviewers are selected based on their professional background in emergency management, homeland security, public safety, and related fields. This ensures they have the knowledge to evaluate training proposals effectively.

Professional Networks and Recommendations: Potential reviewers are often identified through professional networks and recommendations from peers in the field. This helps in finding individuals who are respected and knowledgeable.

Previous Experience: Individuals who have previously served as reviewers for similar grant programs or have experience in grant management are often considered. Their familiarity with the review process and criteria is valuable.

Difference of Perspectives: The selection process aims to include reviewers from different backgrounds and regions to ensure a wide range of perspectives and expertise. This helps in making balanced and comprehensive evaluations.

Training and Orientation: Selected reviewers typically undergo training or orientation to familiarize them with the specific goals and criteria of the CTG program. This ensures consistency and fairness in the review process.

By following these steps, the CTG program ensures that the reviewers are well-equipped to assess the proposals and select the most effective training programs for funding.

F. Merit Review Process

The merit review process for the CTG program is designed to ensure a fair, thorough, and objective evaluation of all applications.

Initial Screening: Applications are first reviewed to ensure they meet basic eligibility criteria. This includes checking for completeness and adherence to submission guidelines.

1. **Threshold Screening:** Applications that pass the initial screening are then evaluated against specified threshold criteria. These criteria are outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and typically include factors such as alignment with program goals and the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed training.
2. **Merit Review Evaluation:** Qualified reviewers, selected for their expertise in relevant fields, conduct a detailed evaluation of the applications. This phase involves scoring applications based on predefined criteria, such as the quality of the training proposal, the potential impact, and the applicant's past performance. Reviewers must disclose any conflicts of interest and maintain confidentiality throughout the process.
3. **Panel Review:** In some cases, a panel of reviewers may be convened to discuss and compare scores, ensuring consistency and fairness in the evaluation process. The panel may also

provide recommendations for funding.

4. Selection and Award: Based on the merit review scores and panel recommendations, the final selection of grant recipients is made. The Selection Official considers the reviewers' evaluations, program priorities, and available funding to make the final award decisions.
5. Notification and Feedback: Applicants are notified of the outcome of their submissions. Those who are not selected for funding may receive feedback to help improve future applications.

This structured process ensures that the most effective and impactful training programs are selected for funding, ultimately enhancing community preparedness and resilience.

G. Final Selection

The NTED program office will recommend award recipient(s) to FEMA's Assistant Administrator (A) for the National Preparedness Directorate and FEMA's Deputy Administrator for Resilience.

Intergovernmental Review

A. Requirement Description and State Single Point of Contact

An intergovernmental review may be required. Applicants must contact their state's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. No further action is needed if you do not find a contact for your state in the [latest version of the SPOC list](#).

Note: This requirement does not apply to tribal governments.



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Award Notices

A. Notice of Award

The AOR should carefully read the federal award package before accepting the federal award. The federal award package includes instructions on administering the federal award as well as terms and conditions for the award.

By applying, applicants agree to comply with the prerequisites stated in this NOFO and the material terms and conditions of the federal award, should they receive an award.

FEMA will provide the federal award package to the applicant electronically in FEMA GO. Award packages include an Award Letter, Summary Award Memo, Agreement Articles, and Obligating Document. An award package notification email is sent by the grant application system to the submitting AOR.

Recipients must accept their awards no later than 30 days from the award date. Recipients shall notify FEMA of their intent to accept the award and proceed with work in the FEMA GO system.

Funds will remain on hold until the recipient accepts the award in FEMA GO and all other conditions of the award have been satisfied, or until the award is otherwise rescinded. Failure to accept a grant award within the specified timeframe may result in a loss of funds.

B. Pass-Through Requirements

Not applicable.

C. Note Regarding Pre-Award Costs

Even if pre-award costs are allowed, beginning performance prior to award is at the applicant or sub-applicant's own risk.

D. Obligation of Funds

The grant funds are obligated in accordance with applicable laws, and no later than upon award.

E. Notification to Unsuccessful Applicants

In the CTG program, notifications to unsuccessful applicants are sent through a formal written communication process.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

A. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

Presidential Executive Orders

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Presidential Executive Orders related to grants (also known as federal assistance and financial assistance), the full text of which are incorporated by reference.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in County of Santa Clara et al.

v. Noem, et al., No. 25-cv-08330-WHO (N.D. Cal.), this requirement does not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, this requirement will immediately become effective. Also, pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in City of Chicago et al. v. Noem, et al., No. 25-CV-12765 (N.D. Ill.), this requirement does not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, this requirement will immediately become effective.

In accordance with [Executive Order 14305, Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty \(June 6, 2025\)](#), and to the extent allowed by law, eligible state, local, tribal, and territorial grant recipients under this NOFO are permitted to purchase unmanned aircraft systems, otherwise known as drones, or equipment or services for the detection, tracking, or identification of drones and drone signals, consistent with the legal authorities of state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies. Recipients must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and adhere to any statutory requirements on the use of federal funds for such unmanned aircraft systems, equipment, or services.

[Subrecipient Monitoring and Management](#)

Pass-through entities must comply with the requirements for subrecipient monitoring and management as set forth in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.331-333](#).

[Termination of a Federal Award](#)

1. The termination condition below applies to the grant award and the “Termination of a Federal Award” term and condition in the FY 2026 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions does not.
2. Termination of the federal award by FEMA
FEMA, in its sole discretion, may terminate the federal award in whole or in part for one of the following reasons consistent with [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#):
 - a. If the recipient or subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award.
 - b. With the consent of the recipient, in which case FEMA and the recipient must agree upon the termination conditions. These conditions include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
 - c. If the federal award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. Under this provision, FEMA may terminate the award for these purposes if any of the following reasons apply:
 - i. FEMA determines that a specific award objective is ineffective at achieving program goals as described in this NOFO;
 - ii. FEMA determines that an objective of the award as described in this NOFO will be ineffective at achieving program goals or agency priorities;

- iii. FEMA determines that the design of the grant program is flawed relative to program goals or agency priorities;
 - iv. FEMA determines that the grant program is not aligned to either the DHS Strategic Plan, the FEMA Strategic Plan, or successor policies or documents;
 - v. FEMA changes or re-evaluates the goals or priorities of the grant program and determines that the award will be ineffective at achieving the updated program goals or agency priorities; or
 - vi. For other reasons based on program goals or agency priorities described in the termination notice provided to the recipient pursuant to [2 C.F.R. § 200.341](#).
 - d. For convenience, including if the award no longer advances the national interest. Termination for convenience only applies to discretionary awards, as that term is defined at [2 C.F.R. § 200.1](#). The term “discretionary award” does not include grants where legislation establishes an entitlement to the funds on the part of the recipient, such as block grants or those awarded based on a statutory formula.
3. Termination of a Subaward by the Pass-Through Entity
- a. The pass-through entity may terminate a subaward in whole or in part for one of the following reasons identified in [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#):
 - i. If the subrecipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award.
 - ii. With the consent of the subrecipient, in which case the pass-through entity and the subrecipient must agree upon the termination conditions. These conditions include the effective date and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated.
 - b. If the pass-through entity’s award has been terminated the pass-through entity must terminate its subawards.
4. Termination by the Recipient or Subrecipient
- The recipient or subrecipient may terminate the federal award in whole or in part as identified in [2 C.F.R. § 200.340](#) upon sending FEMA or pass-through entity a written notification of the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if FEMA or pass-through entity determines that the remaining portion of the federal award will not accomplish the purposes for which the federal award was made, FEMA or pass-through entity may terminate the federal award in its entirety.
5. Impacts of Termination
- a. When FEMA terminates the federal award in whole or in part before the end of the period of performance due to the recipient’s or subrecipient’s material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the federal award, FEMA will report the termination in SAM.gov in the manner described at [2 C.F.R. § 200.340\(c\)](#).
 - b. When the federal award is terminated in part or its entirety, FEMA or pass-through entity and recipient or subrecipient remain responsible for compliance with the requirements in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.344](#) and [200.345](#).
6. Notification requirements
- FEMA or the pass-through entity must provide written notice of the termination in a manner consistent with [2 C.F.R. § 200.341](#). The federal award will be terminated on the date of the notification unless stated otherwise in the notification.

7. Opportunities to Object and Appeals

Where applicable, when FEMA terminates the federal award, the written notification of termination will provide the opportunity and describe the process to object and provide information challenging the action, pursuant to [2 C.F.R. § 200.342](#).

8. Effects of Suspension and Termination

The allowability of costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient during a suspension or after the termination of a federal award are subject to [2 C.F.R. § 200.343](#).

B. DHS Standard Terms and Conditions

A recipient under this funding opportunity must comply with the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions in effect as of the federal award, unless a term and condition specifically indicates otherwise. The DHS Standard Terms and Conditions are available online and can be found at [DHS Standard Terms and Conditions | Homeland Security](#). For continuation awards, the terms and conditions for the initial federal award will apply unless otherwise specified in the terms and conditions of the continuation award. The specific version of the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions applicable to the federal award will be in the federal award package.

A recipient under this funding opportunity must comply with the FY 2026 Department of Homeland Security Standard Terms and Conditions, with the following exceptions. The term titled “Communication and Cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Officials” and paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the term titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” do not apply to any federal award under this funding opportunity.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in *County of Santa Clara et al. v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-cv-08330-WHO (N.D. Cal.), the following terms and conditions do not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect: (1) The DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act”; and (2) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “All Executive Orders Related to Grants”. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, both terms will immediately become effective. As stated above, Paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” will not apply even if the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on November 21, 2025, in *City of Chicago et al. v. Noem, et al.*, No. 25-CV-12765 (N.D. Ill.), the following terms and conditions do not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect: (1) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act”; and (2) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “All Executive Orders Related to Grants”. If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, both terms will

immediately become effective. As stated above, paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” will not apply even if the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

Pursuant to the preliminary injunction order issued on October 31, 2025, in *City of Seattle v. Trump, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-01435-BJR (W.D. Wa.), the following terms and conditions do not apply to awards or subawards issued to any of the plaintiffs subject to the preliminary injunction order while the order remains in effect: the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled " Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act ". If the preliminary injunction is extended to cover additional plaintiffs, this provision will also not apply to any awards or subawards issued to those plaintiffs. If the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished, the term will immediately become effective. As stated above, paragraph (2)(a)(ii) the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” will not apply even if the preliminary injunction is stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

Note: While not a requirement in the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions, as a best practice, entities receiving funds through this program should ensure that cybersecurity is integrated into the design, development, operation, and maintenance of investments that impact information technology (IT) and/ or operational technology (OT) systems.

Additionally, the recipient and subrecipient must take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard information including protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other types of information per [2 C.F.R. § 200.303\(e\)](#).

C. Financial Reporting Requirements

Recipients must report obligations and expenditures through a federal financial report. The Federal Financial Report (FFR) form, also known as SF-425, is integrated in FEMA GO but, for reference, is available online at [Post-Award Reporting Forms](#).

Recipients must submit the FFR quarterly throughout the period of performance (POP) as detailed below:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – September 30	October 30

The final FFR is due within 120 calendar days after the end of the POP.

FEMA may withhold future federal awards and cash payments if FFRs are not timely, complete, detailed, and accurate. FFRs showing inadequate progress may also cause future federal awards and cash payments to be withheld.

D. Programmatic Performance Reporting Requirements

1. A Performance Report must be submitted semi-annually throughout the POP.
2. A Performance Report must include: NTED provides recipients with the required template as there is no prescribed government form.
3. The Progress Report must be submitted through FEMA GO.
4. Performance Report Due Dates are as detailed below:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
January 1 – June 30	July 30
July 1 – December 31	January 30

E. Closeout Reporting Requirements

Within 120 days after the end of the period of performance, or after an amendment has been issued to close out a federal award, recipients must submit the following:

1. The final request for payment, if applicable.
2. The final FFR.
3. The final progress report detailing all accomplishments.
4. A qualitative narrative summary of the impact of those accomplishments throughout the period of performance.
5. Other documents required by this NOFO, terms and conditions of the federal award, or other DHS Component guidance.

After the awarding agency approves these reports, it will issue a closeout notice. The notice will indicate the period of performance as closed, list any remaining funds to be de-obligated, and address the record maintenance requirement. Unless a longer period applies, such as due to an audit or litigation, for equipment or real property used beyond the period of performance, or due to other circumstances outlined in [2 C.F.R. § 200.334](#), this maintenance requirement is three years from the date of the final FFR.

Also, pass-through entities are responsible for closing out those subawards as described in [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(e\)](#); subrecipients are still required to submit closeout materials within 90 calendar days of the subaward period of performance end date. When a subrecipient completes all closeout requirements, pass-through entities must promptly complete all closeout actions in time for the recipient to submit all necessary documentation and information to the awarding agency during the closeout of their prime award.

The recipient is responsible for returning any balances of unobligated or unliquidated funds that have been drawn down that are not authorized to be retained per [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(e\)](#).

Administrative Closeout

Administrative closeout is a mechanism for FEMA to unilaterally execute closeout of an award. FEMA will use available award information in lieu of final recipient reports, per [2 C.F.R. § 200.344\(h\)-\(i\)](#). It is an activity of last resort, and if FEMA administratively closes an award, this may negatively impact a recipient's ability to obtain future funding.

F. Additional Reporting Requirements

Anytime there is a change in personnel for any of the awardees or if applicable, subrecipients, their information needs to be submitted for approval (all the previous personal information identified).

G. Disclosing Information per 2 C.F.R. § 180.335

Before entering into a federal award, the applicant must notify the awarding agency if it knows that the applicant or any of the principals (as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 180.995](#)) for the federal award:

1. Are presently excluded or disqualified;
2. Have been convicted within the preceding three years of any of the offenses listed in § 180.800(a) or had a civil judgment rendered against you for one of those offenses within that time period;
3. Are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with the commission of any of the offenses listed in [2 C.F.R. § 180.800\(a\)](#); or
4. Have had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated within the preceding three years for cause or default.

This requirement is fully described in [2 C.F.R. § 180.335](#). Additionally, [2 C.F.R. § 180.350](#) requires recipients to provide immediate notice to the awarding agency at any time after entering a federal award if:

1. The recipient learns that either it failed to earlier disclose information as required by [2 C.F.R. §180.335](#);
2. Due to changed circumstances, the applicant or any of the principals for the federal award now meet the criteria at [2 C.F.R. §180.335](#) listed above.

H. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

[Appendix XII to 2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) states the terms and conditions for recipient integrity and performance matters used for this funding opportunity.

If the total value of all active federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts for a recipient exceeds \$10 million at any time during the period of performance:

1. The recipient must maintain the currency of information reported in SAM.gov about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of Appendix XII;
2. The required reporting frequency is described in [paragraph \(d\)](#) of Appendix XII.

I. Single Audit Reports

A recipient expending \$1 million or more in federal awards (as defined by [2 C.F.R. § 200.1](#)) during its fiscal year must undergo an audit. This may be either a single audit complying with [2 C.F.R. § 200.514](#) or a program-specific audit complying with [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.501](#) and [200.507](#). Audits must follow [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F, 2 C.F.R. § 200.501](#), and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) [Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards](#).

J. Monitoring and Oversight

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.337](#), DHS and its authorized representatives have the right of access to any records of the recipient or subrecipient pertinent to a federal award to perform audits, site visits, and any other official use. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the recipient's or subrecipient's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents or the federal award in general.

Pursuant to this right and per [2 C.F.R. § 200.329](#), DHS may conduct desk reviews and make site visits to review and evaluate project accomplishments and management control systems as well as provide any required technical assistance. Recipients and subrecipients must respond in a timely and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to a federal award.

K. Program Evaluation

Title I of the [Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018](#) (Evidence Act), Pub. L. No. 115-435 (2019), urges federal agencies to use program evaluation as a critical tool to learn, improve delivery, and elevate program service and delivery across the program lifecycle. Evaluation means “an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency.” Evidence Act, § 101 (codified at 5 U.S.C. § 311). OMB A-11, Section 290 (Evaluation and Evidence-Building Activities) further outlines the standards and practices for evaluation activities. Federal agencies are required to specify any requirements for recipient participation in program evaluation activities ([2 C.F.R. § 200.301](#)). Program evaluation activities incorporated from the outset in the NOFO, and program design and implementation allow recipients and agencies to meaningfully document and measure progress and achievement towards program goals and objectives, and identify program outcomes and lessons learned, as part of demonstrating recipient performance ([2 C.F.R. § 200.301](#)).

As such, recipients and subrecipients are required to participate in a Program Office (PO) or a DHS Component-led evaluation, if selected. This may be carried out by a third party on behalf of the PO or the DHS Component. Such an evaluation may involve information collections including but not limited to, records of the recipients; surveys, interviews, or discussions with individuals who benefit from the federal award, program operating personnel, and award recipients; and site visits or other observation of recipient activities, as specified in a DHS Component or PO-approved evaluation plan. More details about evaluation requirements may be provided in the federal award, if available at that time, or following the award as evaluation requirements are finalized. Evaluation costs incurred during the period of performance are allowable costs (either as direct or indirect) in accordance with [2 C.F.R. § 200.413](#).

Recipients and subrecipients are also encouraged, but not required, to participate in any additional evaluations after the period of performance ends, although any costs incurred to participate in such evaluations are not allowed and may not be charged to the federal award.

L. Payment Information

Recipients will submit payment requests in FEMA GO under this program.

[Instructions to Grant Recipients Pursuing Payments](#)

FEMA is instituting additional reviews on all grant payments and obligations to ensure allowability in

accordance with [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#). These measures will ensure funds are disbursed appropriately while continuing to support and prioritize communities who rely on FEMA for assistance. Once a recipient submits a payment request, FEMA will review the request. If FEMA approves a payment, recipients will be notified by FEMA GO and the payment will be delivered pursuant to the recipient's SAM.gov financial information. If FEMA disapproves a payment, FEMA will inform the recipient.

Processing and Payment Timeline

FEMA must comply with regulations governing payments to grant recipients per [2 C.F.R. § 200.305](#). For grant recipients other than states, [2 C.F.R. § 200.305\(b\)\(3\)](#) stipulates that FEMA is to make payments on a reimbursement basis within 30 days after receipt of the payment request, unless FEMA reasonably believes the request to be improper. For state recipients, [2 C.F.R. § 200.305\(a\)](#) instructs that federal grant payments are governed by Treasury-State Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) agreement ("Treasury-State agreement") and default procedures codified at [31 C.F.R. part 205](#) and Treasury Financial Manual 4A-200, "Overall Disbursing Rules for All Federal Agencies."

Treasury-State agreements generally apply to "major federal assistance programs" that are governed by [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart A](#) and are identified in the Treasury-State agreement in [31 C.F.R. §§ 205.2, 205.6](#). Where a federal assistance (grant) program is not governed by subpart A, payment and funds transfers from FEMA to the state are subject to [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart B](#). Subpart B requires FEMA to "limit a funds transfer to a state to the minimum amounts needed by the state and must time the disbursement to be in accord with the actual, immediate cash requirements of the state in carrying out a federal assistance program or project. The timing and amount of funds transfers must be as close as is administratively feasible to a state's actual cash outlay for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs" per [31 C.F.R. § 205.33\(a\)](#). Nearly all FEMA grants are not "major federal assistance programs." As a result, payments to states for those grants are subject to the "default" rules of [31 C.F.R. part 205, subpart B](#).

If additional information is needed, a request for information will be issued by FEMA to the recipient; recipients are strongly encouraged to respond to any additional FEMA request for information inquiries within three business days. If an adequate response is not received, the request may be denied, and the entity may need to submit a new reimbursement request; this will re-start the 30-day timeline.

Submission Process

All non-disaster grant program reimbursement requests must be reviewed and approved by FEMA prior to drawdowns.

For all non-disaster reimbursement requests (regardless of system), please ensure submittal of the following information:

1. Grant ID / Award Number
2. Total amount requested for drawdown
3. Purpose of drawdown and timeframe covered (must be within the award performance period)
4. Subrecipient Funding Details (if applicable).
 - Is funding provided directly or indirectly to a subrecipient?
 - If **no**, include statement "This grant funding is not being directed to a subrecipient."

- If **yes**, provide the following details:
 - The name, mission statement, and purpose of each subrecipient receiving funds, along with the amount allocated and the specific role or activity being reimbursed.
 - Whether the subrecipient’s work or mission involves supporting aliens, regardless of whether FEMA funds support such activities.
 - Whether the payment request includes an activity involving support to aliens.
 - Whether the subrecipient has any diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.¹
- 5. Supporting documentation to demonstrate that expenses are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary under [2 C.F.R. part 200](#) and in compliance with the grant’s NOFO, award terms, and applicable federal regulations.

M. Immigration Conditions

Materiality of Pending Immigration Condition

The term titled “Communication and Cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Officials” and paragraph (2)(a)(ii) of the term titled “Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act” in the [FY 2026 DHS Standard Terms and Conditions](#) do not apply to any federal award under this funding opportunity.

Other Information

A. Period of Performance Extension

Extensions to the period of performance are allowed.

Recipients should consult with their FEMA point of contact for requirements related to a performance period extension.

B. Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

FEMA is required to consider effects of its actions on the environment and historic properties to ensure

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As stated above, Paragraph(2)(a)(ii) of the DHS Standard Term and Condition titled "Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws Material to the Government’s Payment Decisions Under the False Claims Act" will not apply even if any of these preliminary injunctions are stayed, vacated, or extinguished.

that activities, grants and programs funded by FEMA comply with federal Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies.

Recipients and subrecipients proposing projects with the potential to impact the environment or cultural resources, such as the modification or renovation of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, either new construction or replacement of buildings, structures, and facilities, must participate in the FEMA EHP review process. This includes conducting early engagement to help identify EHP resources, such as threatened or endangered species, and historic properties; submitting a detailed project description with supporting documentation to determine whether the proposed project has the potential to impact EHP resources; and, identifying mitigation measures, alternative courses of action, or both that may lessen impacts to those resources.

FEMA is sometimes required to consult with other regulatory agencies and the public to complete the review process. Federal law requires EHP review to be completed before federal funds are released to carry out proposed projects. FEMA may not be able to fund projects that are not in compliance with applicable EHP laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies. FEMA may recommend mitigation measures, alternative courses of action, or both to lessen impacts to EHP resources and bring the project into EHP compliance. If a proposed project has been evaluated by another federal agency, FEMA may be able to streamline portions of the EHP review by adopting or supplementing previous analyses performed under the National Environmental Policy Act. If a proposed project has previously been reviewed by another federal agency, please provide those documents for FEMA's consideration.

EHP guidance is found at [Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation](#). The site contains links to documents identifying agency EHP responsibilities and program requirements, such as implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act and other EHP laws, regulations, and Executive Orders. DHS and FEMA EHP policy is also found in the [EHP Directive and Instruction](#).

All FEMA actions, including grants, must comply with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) criteria or any more restrictive federal, state, or local floodplain management standards or building code ([44 C.F.R. § 9.11\(d\)\(6\)](#)). For actions located within or that may affect a floodplain or wetland, the following alternatives must be considered: a) no action; b) alternative locations; and c) alternative actions.

The EHP screening form is available at [Environmental & Historic Preservation Grant Preparation Resources](#).

C. Procurement Compliance

When purchasing under a FEMA award, recipients and subrecipients must comply with the federal procurement standards in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.327](#). To assist with determining whether an action is a procurement or instead a subaward, please consult [2 C.F.R. § 200.331](#).

For detailed guidance on the federal procurement standards, recipients and subrecipients should refer to various materials issued by FEMA's Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT). The [Procurement Under Grants Policy Guide \(PUGPG\)](#) and additional resources can be found on the PDAT website at [Procurement and Contracting](#).

When conducting procurement transactions under a federal award, states, Indian Tribes, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and their agencies must follow their own documented procurement policies and procedures as outlined in [2 C.F.R. § 200.317](#). They are also required to comply with rules for domestic preferences ([2 C.F.R. § 200.322](#)), the use of recovered materials ([2 C.F.R. § 200.323](#)), and ensure all necessary contract provisions are included ([2 C.F.R. § 200.327](#)). If these entities do not have documented procurement policies or procedures, they must follow the federal procurement rules listed in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318–200.327](#).

Note: Indian Tribes are exempt from the recovered materials requirements in [2 C.F.R. § 200.323](#).

Local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients must have and use their own documented procurement procedures that reflect applicable state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable federal law and the standards identified in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318–200.327](#).

Important Changes to Procurement Standards in 2 C.F.R. Part 200

On April 22, 2024, OMB updated various parts of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, among them the procurement standards. These revisions apply to all FEMA awards with a federal award date or disaster declaration date on or after October 1, 2024, unless specified otherwise. The changes include updates to the Federal Procurement Standards, which govern how FEMA award recipients and subrecipients must purchase under a FEMA award.

More information on OMB’s revisions to the Federal Procurement Standards can be found in [Purchasing Under a FEMA Award: 2024 OMB Revisions Fact Sheet](#).

Threshold Increases Effective October 1, 2025

Effective October 1, 2025, the United States Office of Management and Budget increased the Federal micro-purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the Federal simplified acquisition threshold from \$250,000 to \$350,000. These updated thresholds now apply to recipient and subrecipient activities under [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#), including procurements and budget approval requests executed on or after October 1, 2025, for all open financial assistance awards.

Procurement Standards: Competition and Conflict of Interest

All procurement transactions under a federal award must provide for full and open competition. To ensure compliance, recipients and subrecipients must avoid practices that restrict competition. Examples of restrictive practices include, but are not limited to:

- Placing unreasonable requirements on firms to qualify to do business;
- Requiring unnecessary experience or excessive bonding;
- Engaging in noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or affiliated companies;
- Awarding noncompetitive contracts to consultants on retainer;
- Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered; and
- Taking arbitrary actions during the procurement process.

Real Conflict of Interest

Under [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(c\)\(1\)](#), local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients must maintain written standards of conduct to address conflicts of interest. Employees, officers, or agents involved in the selection, award, or administration of contracts are prohibited from participating if they have a real or apparent conflict of interest. A conflict arises when the individual, their immediate family, partner, or an organization they are affiliated with has a financial or other interest in, or stands to benefit from, a firm considered for a contract.

Additionally, officers, employees, and agents may not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or subcontractors. However, recipients or subrecipients may establish standards for situations where the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. Violations of these standards must result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the recipient's or subrecipient's policies.

Organizational Conflict of Interest

Under [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(c\)\(2\)](#), recipients or subrecipients with a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local, tribal, or territorial (SLTT) government must maintain written standards of conduct to address organizational conflicts of interest. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when a relationship with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary compromises, or appears to compromise, the recipient's or subrecipient's impartiality in conducting a procurement action.

Recipients or subrecipients must disclose any potential organizational conflicts of interest in writing to FEMA or the pass-through entity, as required by FEMA policy.

Contractors Drafting Requirements

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.319\(b\)](#), contractors that develop or draft specifications, statements of work, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals are prohibited from competing for those procurements. FEMA considers this an organizational conflict of interest and extends this restriction to contractors who assist recipients or subrecipients in developing grant applications, project plans, or budgets.

This prohibition also applies to former employees who worked on such activities while employed by the recipient or subrecipient. Unless the recipient or subrecipient solicits and awards a contract that explicitly includes both the development and execution of specifications (or similar elements), and the contract was procured in compliance with [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317–200.327](#), federal funds cannot be used to pay the contractor to perform the work. This rule applies to all contracts funded with federal grant funds, including pre-award costs (e.g., grant writer fees) and post-award costs (e.g., grant management fees).

Supply Schedules and Purchasing Programs

Generally, a recipient or subrecipient may seek to procure goods or services from a federal supply schedule, state supply schedule, or group purchasing agreement.

Information on General Services Administration programs, including multiple award schedules, for states, Indian Tribes, and local governments, and their instrumentalities, can be found in [Purchasing Resource and Support for State and Local Government](#).

Procurement Documentation

Per [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(i\)](#), local government and nonprofit recipients or subrecipients are required to maintain and retain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records must include, but are not limited to, the rationale for the procurement method, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price. States and Indian Tribes are reminded that in order for any cost to be allowable, it must be adequately documented per [2 C.F.R. §200.403\(g\)](#).

Examples of the types of documents that would cover this information include but are not limited to:

- Solicitation documentation, such as requests for quotes, invitations for bids, or requests for proposals;
- Responses to solicitations, such as quotes, bids, or proposals;
- Pre-solicitation independent cost estimates and post-solicitation cost/price analyses on file for review by federal personnel, if applicable;
- Contract documents and amendments, including required contract provisions; and
- Other documents required by federal regulations applicable at the time a grant is awarded to a recipient.

D. Buy America Preference Requirements for Infrastructure

None of the funds provided under this program may be used for a project for infrastructure unless the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in that infrastructure project are produced in the United States.

Recipients and subrecipients provided funds under this program for an infrastructure project must comply with FEMA's implementation requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act, as detailed in [FEMA's Buy America Preference Policy](#). See also [2 C.F.R. Part 184, Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects](#), and [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\), Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#).

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For more information about FEMA's implementation of the Buy America Preference, please visit FEMA's Buy America Preference webpage at [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](#).

Waivers

When necessary, recipients (and subrecipients through their pass-through entity) may apply for a waiver from these requirements.

A waiver of the domestic content procurement preference may be granted if FEMA determines that:

- Applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest, or
- The types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality, or
- The inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

The process for requesting a waiver from the Buy America preference requirements can be found on FEMA's website at ["Buy America" Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure | FEMA.gov](#).

Definitions

For definitions of the key terms of the Build America, Buy America Act, please visit [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](#).

E. Mandatory Disclosures

The non-federal entity or applicant for a federal award must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award, [2 C.F.R. § 200.113](#).

F. Adaptive Support

Pursuant to [Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#), recipients of FEMA financial assistance must ensure that their programs and activities do not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities.

G. Record Retention

Record Retention Period

Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-federal entity records pertinent to a federal award generally must be maintained for at least three years from the date the final FFR is submitted per [2 C.F.R. §200.334](#). Further, if the recipient does not submit a final FFR and the award is administratively closed, FEMA uses the date of administrative closeout as the start of the general record retention period.

The record retention period may be longer than three years or have a different start date in certain cases.

Types of Records to Retain

FEMA requires that recipients and subrecipients maintain the following documentation for federally funded purchases:

- Specifications

- Solicitations
- Competitive quotes or proposals
- Basis for selection decisions
- Purchase orders
- Contracts
- Invoices
- Cancelled checks

H. Actions to Address Noncompliance

Non-federal entities receiving financial assistance funding from FEMA are required to comply with requirements in the terms and conditions of their awards or subawards, including the terms set forth in applicable federal statutes, regulations, NOFOs, and policies. Throughout the award lifecycle or even after an award has been closed, FEMA or the pass-through entity may discover potential or actual noncompliance on the part of a recipient or subrecipient.

In the case of any potential or actual noncompliance, FEMA may place special conditions on an award per [2 C.F.R. § 200.208](#) and [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#). FEMA may place a hold on funds until the matter is corrected, or additional information is provided per [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#), or it may do both. Similar remedies for noncompliance with certain federal civil rights laws are authorized pursuant to [44 C.F.R. Part 7](#) and [44 C.F.R. Part 19](#) or other applicable regulations.

If the noncompliance is not able to be corrected by imposing additional conditions or the recipient or subrecipient refuses to correct the matter, FEMA may take other remedies allowed under [2 C.F.R. § 200.339](#).

I. Audits

FEMA grant recipients are subject to audit oversight from multiple entities including the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG), the GAO, the pass-through entity, or independent auditing firms for single audits, and may cover activities and costs incurred under the award. Auditing agencies such as the DHS OIG, the GAO, and the pass-through entity (if applicable), and FEMA in its oversight capacity, must have access to records pertaining to the FEMA award.



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Contacts

A. Program Office

National Training and Education Division (NTED) maintains programmatic responsibility for the CTG program and will maintain the program management function and responsibilities throughout the life cycle of the awarded grant. Contact our NTED point of contact Ms. Jessica Sterling at (202) 212-3042 or via email to jessica.sterling@fema.dhs.gov for additional information.

B. FEMA Grants News

FEMA Grants News provides general information on all FEMA grant programs and maintains a comprehensive database containing key personnel contact information at the federal, state, and local levels. FEMA Grants News is reachable at fema-grants-news@fema.dhs.gov or (800) 368-6498, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET.

C. Award Administration Division

GPD's Award Administration Division (AAD) provides support regarding financial matters and budgetary technical assistance. AAD can be contacted at ASK-GMD@fema.dhs.gov.

D. Procurement Under Grants Division

The Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) and Buy America Branch (BAB) within GPD's Procurement Under Grants Division offer technical support to ensure compliance with federal procurement and domestic preference standards for FEMA awards. You can reach PDAT at fema-gpd-pdat@fema.dhs.gov and BAB at fema-grants-buyamerica@fema.dhs.gov. When reaching out, please include your FEMA grant program point of contact for reference.

E. FEMA Regional Offices

FEMA Regional Offices also may provide fiscal support, including pre- and post-award administration and technical assistance. FEMA Regional Office contact information is available at [Regions, States and Territories](#).

F. Civil Rights

Consistent with Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination & Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity, the FEMA Integration and Coordination Division (ICD) is responsible for ensuring compliance with and enforcement of federal civil rights obligations in connection with programs and services conducted by FEMA. They are reachable at fema-ocr@fema.dhs.gov.

G. Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

The FEMA Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (OEHP) provides guidance and information about the EHP review process to FEMA programs and recipients and subrecipients. Send any inquiries regarding compliance for FEMA grant projects under this NOFO to FEMA-OEHP-NOFOQuestions@fema.dhs.gov.

H. Payment and Reporting

FEMA uses FEMA GO for financial reporting, invoicing, and tracking payments. The Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) method of payment is used for recipients. For any questions about the system, contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk at femago@fema.dhs.gov or (877) 585-3242, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

I. FEMA GO

For technical assistance with the FEMA GO system, please contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk at femago@fema.dhs.gov or (877) 585-3242, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET.

J. FEMA Preparedness Toolkit

The [FEMA Preparedness Toolkit \(PrepToolkit\)](#) provides access to tools and resources needed to implement the National Preparedness System and provides a collaborative space for communities completing the Unified Reporting Tool (URT). Recipients complete and submit their Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and other required assessments using the PrepToolkit. For assistance, contact support@preptoolkit.fema.dhs.gov.

K. Preparedness Grants Manual

Recipients seeking guidance on policies and procedures for managing preparedness grants should reference the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#).

Appendices

Appendix I

Budget Template (Applicants may recreate and submit as a table or spreadsheet).

Personnel (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed) % refers to the percent of time/labor planned per person									
Name	Position	Salary	Year 1 %	Total Yr. 1	Year 2 %	Total Yr. 2	Year 3 %	Total Yr. 3	Total
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	\$
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	\$
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	\$
Total Personnel Costs (Salary)									\$

Explain salary changes (e.g., annual scheduled increases) here:

Explain/clarify any figures here:

Fringe Benefits (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Name	Benefit	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Fringe
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Personnel Costs (Fringe Benefits)					\$

Travel (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Name	# of Trips: From > To and Purpose	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Travel
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$

Equipment (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Item	# of Items	Purpose	Cost
			\$
			\$

Supplies (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Item	# of Items	Purpose	Cost
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\$

Consultant Costs (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Name	Purpose	Cost	Total Yr. 1	Total Yr. 2	Total Yr. 3	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Consultant Costs						\$

Explain consultant costs here:

Other Expenses (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Expense	Source and Purpose	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Cost
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Personnel Costs (Fringe Benefits)					\$

Explain other costs here:

Total Direct Costs (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Direct
\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Indirect Costs (Add rows as required and modify cell height and width as needed)

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total Indirect
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Appendix 2

CTG Program-Specific Required Documents and Information

Application

Applicants may submit a single application *per focus area* proposing to deliver FEMA training.

The FY 2026 CTG Focus Areas are:

1. **2028 Summer Olympics Preparedness (non-competitive)**
2. **Rural and Tribal Training (competitive)**

A. Program Guidelines

Delivery of DHS/Certified Training.

FY 2026 CTG program awards are largely **limited to delivery** of currently developed and certified DHS/FEMA training courses. Exceptions: DHS/FEMA curriculum that is developed but requires updates and course modifications for certification or recertification is allowable. Applications that propose entirely new curriculum development or delivery of non-DHS/FEMA training are ineligible.

Focus Area Centered.

Applications that do not address the Focus Area and applicable training objectives specifically presented and described in this NOFO are ineligible.

Innovation.

Applications should include innovative training approaches and concepts. Examples of innovative approaches may include immersive virtual reality, synchronous and asynchronous virtual training, and in-person demonstrations and drills. Innovative approaches must maximize grant funding for the greatest benefits to students and communities they serve.

One Submission per Applicant.

An applicant (e.g., a state agency, a tribal nation, a training consortium, an institute of higher education, etc.) may only submit one application per focus area. The applicant may include partnerships with other organizations, but a single organization must be identified as the applicant.

Needs Assessments.

CTG partners will use NTED's Unified Training Needs Assessment (UTNA) process to verify that training solutions to be developed or to be sustained meet the need, align with the FEMA mission, focus on performance-level and planning and management level curricula, are not duplicative, and are cost effective in terms of content, modality and delivery.

Adult Learning Approach.

CTG training programs will use an adult learning approach across a variety of modalities and delivery methods including classroom instruction, virtual training, learning through workshops and seminars, interactive web-based and computer-based training.

Instructional System Design Expertise.

Each CTG program grant recipient must have at least one full time staff member qualified in the field of Instructional System Design whose primary responsibilities are to design, develop, and evaluate curriculum.

Non-Duplication of Existing Training Programs.

CTG developed training must not duplicate training provided other FEMA training providers.

Recertification of Existing Training Programs.

CTG developed training must submit to recertification of courses every three years to maintain relevance, accuracy, and effectiveness.

Course Mapping.

CTG partners will use NTED's course mapping process to determine appropriate course complexity, learning levels, and alignment with Mission Areas and Core Capabilities.

Executive Summary.

Each CTG applicant must provide, in the order presented below, an executive summary that includes the following data and information as appropriate using the template below:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY TEMPLATE

Organization Name: [Insert Org Name]

Submission Date: [mo/day/yr]

Summarize, in the order presented below, the following information and data as appropriate.

- 1. Total Number of NTED Certified Courses: [Insert Number]**
- 2. Certified Course List and Performance Targets [Fill in table, below]**

Course Number	Course Title	Most Recent Certification Date	Average Cost Per Student (by course)	Anticipated Student Throughput for this PoP	Proposed Number of Deliveries for this PoP

B. Program Requirements**Focus Area 1: 2028 Summer Olympics Preparedness (non-competitive)**

The eligible applicant for this focus area is the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Training Delivery Objectives. This focus area is for preparations for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games, hosted in jurisdictions across California, centered in Los Angeles, and in other locations across the country. Training must include, but is not limited to, the following topics, using existing training courses that may be modified based on feedback and lessons learned gained through delivery to 2026 FIFA World Cup host cities.

- **Special Event Risk Management and Planning.** Training should develop capabilities for multi-agency collaboration pertaining to sport and special event safety and security through activity-based training.
- **Special Event Incident Management.** Training should focus on the unique aspects of response to an incident occurring during a sports/special event, including considerations for continuity and after-action activities.
- **Special Event Crowd Management, Evacuation, and Protective Action.** Training should provide tools and techniques for conducting crowd management, crowd control, evacuation, and sheltering operations.
- **Special Event Public Information and Emergency Notification.** Training should address pre-event communications, emergency messaging, incident communications, and post-incident communications

Review and Scoring Information. Federal and non-federal subject-matter experts will review the application for 2028 Summer Olympics Preparedness and analyze proposed plans in the following categories:

- **Topic Expertise:** The specialized knowledge and skills required to effectively address critical issues in public safety and emergency management.
- **Delivery Capacity:** The ability to provide training, resources, and support efficiently and at scale to meet the needs of public safety professionals and emergency responders.
- **Training Innovation:** The development and implementation of new, effective methods and technologies to enhance learning and preparedness in public safety and emergency management.
- **Advancement of Local Partnerships:** The process of building and strengthening cohesive relationships among local agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to improve collaboration and effectiveness in public safety and emergency response.

National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security at the University of Southern Mississippi will submit a proposal, that at a minimum, will include an Executive Summary, Program Narrative, Work Breakdown Structure, Equipment Plan, and Detailed Budget.

Focus Area 2: Rural and Tribal Preparedness Training (competitive)

Competition for the FY 2026 CTG Competitive Program is restricted to applicants that have demonstrable experience and expertise in developing and delivering FEMA-certified training.

Training Audience Defined. The FY 2026 CTG Competitive Program addresses the preparedness needs for the following:

Rural Communities. Under this Focus Area, FEMA applies the guidance provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. In this context, “rural” encompasses all population, housing, and territory not included within an “urban area” delineated by the Census Bureau. The term “urban area” refers generically to urbanized areas of 50,000 or more population and urban clusters of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 population.

Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. Any American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that is recognized in the most recent list of “Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.” See Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, Public Law 103-454, codified at 25 U.S.C. 5130-5131.49.

Training Delivery Objectives. Applicants must present a plan for delivering mission critical, mission essential training to empower states and Tribal Nations by building their capabilities and expanding their capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from catastrophic disasters and complex incidents. Applicants must identify training courses at the performance, management, or planning levels for delivery. Awareness level training that provides only fundamental knowledge is not appropriate for an award. Training must include, but is not limited to, the following topics (applicants may propose additional topics for delivery):

- **Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities and Tribal Nations.** Training should prepare community leaders and emergency managers to plan and execute effective disaster recovery efforts, focusing on both short- and long-term recovery, emphasizing strategies that support economic success and community resiliency. Training should leverage case studies to understand factors influencing recovery outcomes with models for long-term community recovery planning.
- **Event Public Safety Planning in Rural Communities and Tribal Nations.** Training should prepare government officials and emergency responders to effectively manage mass gathering events by emphasizing collaboration between first responders and community stakeholders. Learning should address development comprehensive security plans, identify and manage risks, gather and analyze intelligence, address staffing and resource needs, emphasize the use of the Incident Command System, and provide public information strategies.
- **Crisis Management for School Based Incidents in Rural Communities and Tribal Nations.** Training should address crisis management training for significant school-based incidents to include bomb threats, active shooters, severe weather, structural/mechanical failures, and hazardous materials releases. Training should focus on the learning needs of rural and Tribal law enforcement officials, fire and Emergency medical service professionals/volunteers, school system administrators, staff, and volunteers.

Review and Scoring Information

Focus Area 2. Federal and non-federal subject matter experts will score applications for Rural and Tribal Preparedness using the categories described in the following table. FEMA leadership will review all scoring results and will then apply additional factors such as executive and legislative guidance, alignment with DHS and FEMA strategic priorities, along with investment strategy and budgetary limits.

Evaluation Criteria Table for Focus Area 2 – Rural and Tribal Preparedness

Category and Subcategory	Total SME Review Points Possible	Total FEMA Review Points Possible
Technical Merit • Focus Area Objectives Addressed • Topic Comprehension (SME scores only) • Innovations in Approach	25	25
Needs Analysis • Training Gaps Identified • Link to Training Proposal	15	15
National in Scope • Communities Impacted • Capacity to Deliver Nationally • NIMS Consistent	25	25
Target Audience a. Alignment to Focus Area Audience b. Student Throughput Goals c. Whole Community Disability Integration	15	15
Organizational Experience a. Relevance to Topic and Delivery b. Historical Success/Student Throughput c. Partnerships with Tribes	20	20
Training Delivery Plan a. Instructional System Design/ADDIE Model b. Expertise of Staff c. Timeline d. Learning Objectives	Not Scored by SMEs	25
Budget a. Costs Reasonable/Supported b. Completeness	Not Scored by SMEs	15
Total Possible Points from SMEs and FEMA Review	100	140
Grand Total Possible Final Points	240	

Focus Area 2, Rural and Tribal Preparedness, Scoring Criteria Categories Defined

Technical Merit

Focus Area Objectives Addressed: FEMA will compare an applicant's proposal narrative to the objectives provided in this NOFO and will award a point value based on completeness and relevancy of content. Applications, which only restate training objective statements found in this NOFO without addressing them within the context of the applicant's proposed program, may receive zero points. Applicants should address all objectives listed for the Focus Area. An application that does not address all objectives will result in ineligibility.

Topic Comprehension: Applications will be reviewed and judged on an applicant's understanding of the topic based upon statements provided in the narrative that describe knowledge of the topic to include a familiarity with current and emerging issues relative to the Focus Area.

Innovations in Approach: FEMA will review and judge the unique and innovative attributes in terms of an applicant's approach to maximize funding.

Needs Analysis

Training Gaps Identified: FEMA will review applications to determine if the applicant has presented a clear understanding of preparedness gaps relevant to the Focus Area determined through research of sources other than this NOFO. As a minimum, an applicant must:

- Identify and present a general assessment of training gaps;
- Identify communities with the greatest risk; and
- Describe how needs are addressed by the proposed solution(s).

National in Scope

Communities Impacted: FEMA will review applications to determine the number of locations and communities directly and indirectly impacted according to each proposal.

Capacity to Deliver Nationally: FEMA will review applicant staffing and logistics plans to determine viability to meet national delivery goals.

NIMS Consistent: FEMA will review application content to determine consistency with NIMS, ensuring a common approach to all incidents, where applicable.

Target Audience

Alignment to Focus Area Audience: FEMA will review applications to determine whether the proposed training identifies and links to the target audience described in the Focus Area and to the applicant's needs assessment.

Student Throughput Goal: FEMA will review the total number of students planned, relevant to the type of delivery.

Whole Community Disability Integration: FEMA will review the target student population to determine whole community inclusiveness as appropriate. The definition of whole community is in Appendix C, under *Other Training Requirements* in this NOFO. Disability Integration includes accessibility—defined and described within [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act— found using this link](#).

Organizational Experience

Relevance to Topic and Delivery: FEMA will review an applicant's history, as presented in the application narrative, to judge experience relevant to the applied Focus Area.

Historical Success/Student Throughput: FEMA will review an applicant's history, as presented in the application narrative, to determine previous student throughput relevant to the applied Focus Area and judge for impact on preparedness or other requirements. FEMA will consider awards and honors in this category. FEMA will not consider any letters of endorsement or support submitted separately from an application. Statements of endorsement or support testimony must be included in the application narrative within the Organizational Experience section only.

Experience Working with Rural Jurisdictions and Tribes: FEMA will review the applicant’s history as presented in the application narrative to judge their experience working with rural jurisdictions and Tribes.

Training Delivery and Sustainment

Delivery Method(s): FEMA will review an applicant’s description of delivery to determine whether methods are appropriate for the proposed course(s) and whether the delivery mode(s) and method(s) are appropriate for the whole community.

Train the Trainer: FEMA will review applications that contain a train-the-trainer component to determine if the plan describes the second-tier training to students. Applicants must provide supporting data to justify/explain second tier student throughput goals (e.g., applications which state “*for each train-the-trainer qualified, that person will in turn teach xx number of additional students*” must include an explanation for this statement).

Staff Expertise: FEMA will review the descriptions of staff qualifications to determine relevance to the applied Focus Area within the context of duties and responsibilities of each member in support of training delivery tasks.

Timeline: FEMA will review training delivery timelines to determine if student throughput goals are achievable within the 36-month grant timeline.

Evaluation Methods: FEMA will review an applicant’s evaluation methods to judge relevance to the proposed course(s) and completeness of method(s). FEMA uses the New World Kirkpatrick Training Evaluation Model. More information is available through the following website: [Introduction-to-the-Kirkpatrick-New-World-Model.pdf \(kirkpatrickpartners.com\)](https://www.kirkpatrickpartners.com/files/Introduction-to-the-Kirkpatrick-New-World-Model.pdf).

Budget

Costs Reasonable/Supported: FEMA will review an applicant’s proposed cost to the government within individual categories/elements and overall costs. FEMA will judge costs by applying the following definition of reasonable cost, found in [2 CFR §200.404](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-200/subpart-4/section-200.404). A cost is reasonable if, in its nature and amount, it does not exceed costs incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost.

Completeness: FEMA will review an applicant’s budget sheet, as prescribed by the template in Appendix I of this NOFO to determine whether an applicant addressed all categories and elements with dollar amounts and justifications as appropriate.

Criteria Point Values Defined

Categories with 10 points possible: This scoring range (0 – 10) allows for points to be awarded for categories with complexity not found in categories with five-point values.

Points	Definition
0	Does not address any required elements
1	Identifies some elements but fails to address any elements/objectives

2	Identifies some elements and marginally addresses the elements/objectives
3	Marginally addresses most elements/objectives
4	Satisfactorily addresses most elements/objectives
5	Satisfactorily addresses all elements/objectives
6	Addresses all elements/objectives with a unique approach or insight applied
7	Addresses all elements/objectives with an additional unique approach or insight applied, well supported by analysis or references
8	Addresses all elements/objectives with an additional unique approach or insight applied, well supported by analysis or references, with specific application to objectives and requirements described in this NOFO.
9	Addresses all elements/objectives with a superior approach or insight applied, fully supported by analysis or references, with specific application to all objectives and requirements described in this NOFO.
10	Addresses all elements/objectives with an exceptionally superior approach or insight applied, fully supported by analysis or references, with specific application to all objectives and requirements described in this NOFO.

Categories with 5 points possible: This scoring range (0 – 5) allows for points to be awarded for categories without complexity found in categories with 10-point values.

Points	Definition
0	Does not address any required elements/objectives
1	Identifies some elements and marginally addresses the elements/objectives
2	Satisfactorily addresses most elements/objectives
3	Satisfactorily addresses all elements/objectives
4	Addresses all elements/objectives with an additional unique approach or insight applied, well supported by analysis or references, with specific application to most objectives described in this NOFO.
5	Addresses all elements/objectives with an exceptionally superior approach or insight applied, fully supported by analysis or references, with specific application to all objectives and requirements described in this NOFO.