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FEMA National Exercise Division Exercise Resources

The following resources are available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Exercise Division (NED).

Grant Funding

As part of their formula grant awards, States and urban areas receive exercise funding from the FEMA NED. These funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Expenses related to convening a statewide Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)
- Hiring of full- or part-time staff members or contractors/consultants to support exercise activities
- Overtime for first responders and exercise management personnel involved in planning and conducting exercises
- Travel associated with planning and conducting exercises
- Supplies consumed during the course of planning and conducting exercises
- Costs related to Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) implementation, including reporting of scheduled exercises and tracking and reporting of After Action Reports (AARs) and Improvement Plans (IPs) from exercises
- Other costs related to planning and conducting exercise activities, including supplementing exercise programs funded or required by other Federal agencies

Regional Exercise Support Program (RESP)

The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 enabled FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to integrate their support and coordination activities to ensure the effectiveness and consistency of ongoing initiatives. To facilitate this integrated approach, the Direct Support Program has been aligned with the FEMA regional organizational structure as the new Regional Exercise Support Program (RESP). As with the former Direct Support Program, the new RESP is HSEEP compliant and continues to serve as a model for exercise development and conduct for stakeholders across the Nation.

The purpose of the RESP is to provide support to regionally coordinated exercise initiatives. The RESP supports regional, State, territorial, tribal, local, and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated metropolitan area exercise initiatives. Specifically, the program provides:

- Facilitation of TEPWs
- Delivery of the HSEEP Training Course
- Exercise support

The following jurisdictional entities are eligible for exercise support through the RESP:

- FEMA Regions
- States



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- Territories
- Federally recognized tribes (FRTs)
- UASI-designated metropolitan areas
- Local jurisdictions

All applications originating from States, territories, and FRTs must be coordinated through the appropriate FEMA Regional Exercise Officer (REO). Visit www.fema.gov/about/contact/regions.shtm to identify the appropriate REO for your application. All applications originating from local and UASI-designated metropolitan area jurisdictions must be coordinated and submitted through the State Administrative Agency (SAA).