

Grant Program Summary
FFY2009 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program
Washington State Emergency Management Division
Homeland Security Section

Available Funding – Nationally: \$ 31,002,500
WA State Allocation: \$ 1,402,875 (\$3,662,569 in FFY08)
Performance Period: 24 months
State Application Deadline: March 20, 2009

Purpose: The Regional catastrophic Preparedness Grant (RCPG) is an important part of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness. RCPG implements objectives addressed in a series of post 9/11 laws, strategies, documents, plans and Homeland Security Presidential Directives. RCPG continues its focus on high risk urban areas and surrounding regions where impact will have the most significant effect on the nation's collective security and resilience.

Grant specific requirements and priorities:

- The Regional Catastrophic Planning Team established in the FFY08 grant cycle must be continued.
- Implement plans to address capability shortfalls identified through RCPG FFY08 Projects.
- In coordination with the state, develop plans that further address logistics and pre-positioning of commodities related to plans developed with RCPG FFY08 funds.
- Identify how plans will help achieve performance objectives set forth within the applicable capabilities of the Target Capabilities List and develop actual metrics of measurement that indicate achievement.
- Focus on three central objectives and their deliverables:
 - Fix Shortcomings in Existing Plans
 - Build on Regional Planning Process and Planning Committees
 - Link operational and capabilities based planning for resource allocation
- Cost share requirements remain the same, 25% cash/in-kind.
- Management & Administration costs for the grant are capped at 3%.
- Once key requirements have been met a request can be made to use funds to acquire critical emergency supplies. These supplies include meals, water, and basic medical supplies.

Application process and timeline:

- After selecting projects that meet the FFY09 objectives and deliverables detail them in the FFY09 Investment Justification Template.
- FEMA/DHS will accept a draft version of the investment justification by February 9, 2009 for a mid-term review, with feedback returned no later than February 20, 2009.
- The Seattle UASI Core Group will continue to oversee the activities of the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team, and will review the final investment justification and application before submission.

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