

FFY 2021

Emergency Management Performance  
Grant (EMPG)



Emergency Backup Power for Shelter  
Competitive Subgrant

# Overview and Purpose

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides funds to assist local and tribal governments with emergency management departments in preparing for all hazards and to obtain the resources required to support FEMA's National Preparedness Goal's Mission Areas and Core Capabilities. Funds may be used to support local and/or regional emergency management activities.

Using left over 2021 EMPG subgrant funds, MEMA is releasing a special competitive subgrant back to the communities. This subgrant can only be used to purchase and install transfer switch and generator for local or regional emergency shelters

# Cost Share/Match

EMPG program has a dollar-for-dollar cost-share requirement which can be deter or prohibit smaller agencies from applying for funding.

To ensure an equitable opportunity for funding through this special competitive subgrant, MEMA will cover the cost share/match requirement so that there is no match requirement for the subrecipients.

# Funding Availability

MEMA has allocated a total of \$360,000 to be awarded on a competitive basis to fulfil the following pre-identified gap: ***Sustain local and regional emergency shelter operations in the event of a power outage.***

Towns, Cities, and Tribes are encouraged to apply for funding thru this complete process to purchase and install emergency backup power for regional or single community/tribal emergency shelters to ensure emergency shelter operations can be sustained during a power outage. *Funds may only be used for purchasing an emergency back-up power source (generator) including installation costs for transfer switch.*

# Funding Availability

Funding is capped at \$50,000 per project. Funding can be used for the purchase of generator, wiring, transfer switch, or any combination including re-wiring for an existing generator for the sole purpose of emergency shelter operations. Subrecipients will be responsible for all cost overruns above and beyond award amounts ongoing equipment maintenance following the completion of the projects.

This is a reimbursement subgrant. Communities selected for funding will be required to pay for all services then submit for reimbursement when completed.

# Definitions

- **Local Emergency Shelter:**
  - A facility that provides temporary full dietary services
  - Dormitory services
  - Other basic services and supports for a **single** community in the event of an emergency or disaster
- **Regional Emergency Shelter:**
  - Also known as a multi-community shelter
  - A facility that provides temporary full dietary services
  - Dormitory services
  - Other basic services and supports for **multiple** communities in the event of an emergency or disaster

A regional emergency shelter is formed when **two or more** communities come together and provide shelter services for multiple communities using memorandum of understanding (MOU)/memorandum of agreement (MOA) to form shelters that support **multiple** local communities and share costs/resources.

# Eligibility

To be considered for funding, the Towns, Cities, or Tribes must meet the following criteria:

- The facility, both interior and exterior, must be accessible to people with disabilities meaning that the facility complies with the most current ADA Architectural Guidelines. Planned temporary modifications are acceptable for compliance purposes.
- Back-up generator power will provide electric power to support emergency shelter operations, including but not limited to heat, hot water, and charging stations for those seeking shelter.
- If awarded, communities that do not have an emergency shelter plan in place will be required to develop a plan as a condition of their award.
- If facility is privately owned, *not owned by the community or other government agency*, there must be a current signed memorandum of understanding (MOU)/memorandum of agreement (MOA).

# Eligibility cont.

Community/tribal-owned shelter facilities will be allowed to install a generator on site. If the shelter facility is privately-owned (non-government) only a portable generator will be allowed for purchase for that facility and the installation of a transfer switch. Subrecipients will be the owner of all generators purchased through this subgrant and responsible for maintenance of the equipment. Community must agree to keep equipment in good working condition.

Equipment costing \$5,000 or more, per unit, must also be tagged *“Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency FFY 2021, Emergency Management Performance Grant”* and inventoried.



# Environmental, Historical Preservation (EHP) Screening Forms

Due to the nature of the projects, all communities/tribes that subrecipients will be required to complete FEMA's EHP Screening Form.

For those projects that scored high enough to fund, MEMA will email a copy of the EHP Screening Form to the subrecipient to complete and email back to the [EM.Grants@mass.gov](mailto:EM.Grants@mass.gov) along with required photos no later than August 22, 2022.

# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance

According to the ADA Code of Federal Regulations, ADA compliance is necessary for any facility that provides public accommodation. As part of the application for this subgrant, applicants need to provide MEMA with an official letter from the town, in which the emergency shelter is located, to state that the facility is ADA complaint. For more information or questions about ADA compliance, as it pertains to your town or region's emergency shelter, please contact your local ADA Coordinator. A directory of ADA Coordinators can be found here [Municipal ADA Coordinators Listing](#).

If you need assistance with disability rights, reasonable accommodations, or issues related to equal access and opportunity please contact the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD), or visit their website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-office-on-disability>

*Facilities that do not meet the basic accessible features needed to support shelter clients with disabilities and applications submitted without an official letter from the town/city, or tribe, stating the facility is ADA complaint will be deemed ineligible and not considered for funding.*



# Scoring Criteria – Standard Points

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria to rate and select competing applications.

<b>Emergency Shelter Plan and Facility</b>	<b>Max Points</b>
Emergency shelter plan	<b>5</b>
Conducted emergency shelter exercise / recently opened and operated emergency shelter	<b>5</b>
Emergency shelter accommodates needs of individuals with disabilities and other access and functional needs	<b>10</b>
Emergency Shelter facility is listed as a critical facility within your CEMP	<b>10</b>
Regional emergency shelter facility that includes four or more communities	<b>10</b>
Regional emergency shelter facility that includes three communities	<b>8</b>
Emergency shelter facility capacity to shelter over 300 clients	<b>8</b>
Regional emergency shelter plan/facility that includes two communities	<b>6</b>
Emergency shelter facility capacity to shelter 150-300 clients	<b>6</b>
Emergency shelter facility that accommodates 50 or more household pets on-site	<b>10</b>
Emergency Shelter facility capacity to shelter 50-149 clients	<b>4</b>
Emergency shelter facility that accommodates less than 50 household pets on-site	<b>8</b>

# Communities with .75 SVI and greater

Social vulnerability refers to the potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health. Such stresses include natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks. Reducing social vulnerability can decrease both human suffering and economic loss.

Using MEMA's [CDC Social Vulnerability Index \(MA\) Map](#) The following communities have a .75 SVI or higher

<b>Communities with .75 SVI and greater</b>					
Attleboro	Barnstable	Boston	Brockton	Chelsea	Chicopee
Fall River	Fitchburg	Haverhill	Holyoke	Lawrence	Leominster
Lowell	Lynn	Malden	Methuen	Milton	New Bedford
North Adams	Peabody	Pittsfield	Quincy	Revere	Salem
Southbridge	Springfield	Taunton	Webster	Worcester	

# Scoring Criteria – Services / Amenities

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria to rate and select competing applications.

<b>Emergency Shelters services/amenities</b>	<b>Max Points</b>
Overnight dormitory	2
Accessibility Showers	2
Accessibility toilet stall / Bathrooms	2
Heat	2
Air conditioning	2
Hot water	2
Cold water	2
Charging stations available for clients ( <i>electronic devices, medical equipment, etc.</i> )	2
Internet access for clients	2



# Timeline\*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Release NOFO and application	May 19, 2022
Applicant briefings	June 6-10, 2022
Application and official facility ADA compliance letters due date	July 19, 2022
Application review period	July 25-29, 2022
Email EHPs Screening Form to highest score applicants	Aug 1, 2022
Completed EHP Screening Forms due date	Aug 22, 2022
FEMA's EHP review/approval	Aug-Oct 2022
Estimated contract period	Nov 2022 – June 2023

***\* Projects cannot begin before MEMA has issued a Notice to Proceed***



# Application Submission Process

1. Completed applications and official ADA facility compliance letters must be emailed to [EM.Grants@mass.gov](mailto:EM.Grants@mass.gov) not later than **July 19, 2022**.
2. EM Grants Unit will provide confirmation once your application has been received.
  - *Late applications and/or applications submitted without an official ADA facility compliance letter will be deemed ineligible and not considered for funding.*
3. Eligible applications will be reviewed and scored by a review panel
4. Those applications with the highest score will be emailed FEMA's EHP Screening Form (required for all projects)
5. EHP Screening forms must be completed and emailed back to [EM.Grants@mass.gov](mailto:EM.Grants@mass.gov) not later than **August 1, 2022**.
6. MEMA will submit completed EHPs to FEMA for review and approval.
7. MEMA will begin the contracting process once EHPs have been submitted to FEMA
8. MEMA will finalize contracts and issue *"Notice to Proceed"* once FEMA's EHP approval letters have been received.
9. Anticipated contract period of performance is November 2022 thru June 2023.

# THANK YOU / QUESTIONS

**For further assistance:**

**Please contact the EM Grants Unit**

**[EM.Grants@mass.gov](mailto:EM.Grants@mass.gov)**

**or**

**508.820.2004**