

FIFA World Cup Grant Program

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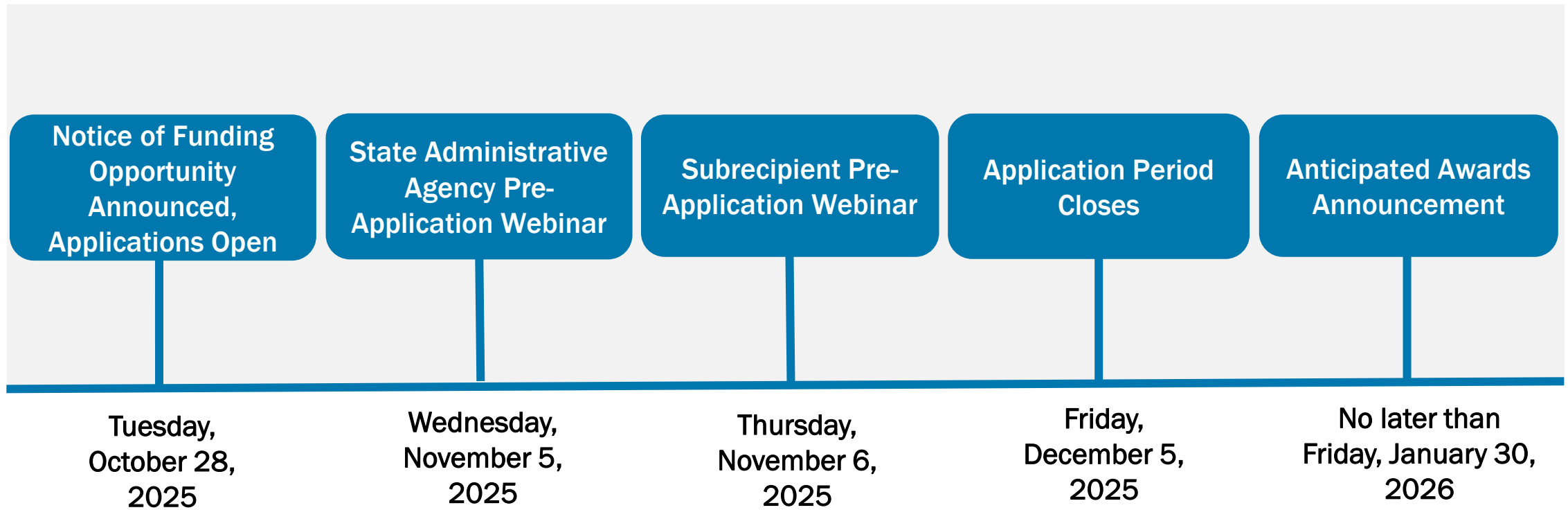


Background

- The FIFA World Cup Grant Program was established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (2025).
- The program provides \$625 million in federal funding to enhance security and preparedness for the 2026 FIFA World Cup events in the United States.
- This standalone grant program supports the safe execution of the largest sporting event in history, co-hosted with Canada and Mexico, which is expected to attract over five million international visitors and generate tens of billions of dollars in economic activity across 11 U.S. host cities over 38 days.
- This program supports increases in training and readiness exercises, staff background checks, cybersecurity defense, as well as increased police and emergency response for FIFA venues, hotels, transportation hubs, and other critical infrastructure.



Notice of Funding Opportunity Timeline



- State Administrative Agencies may have shorter timelines for subapplicants.
- Period of Performance: July 4, 2025 – August 31, 2026.



Eligibility

- Only the following ***State Administrative Agencies*** are eligible to apply for the FIFA World Cup Grant Program:
 - California, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Missouri (on behalf of Missouri and Kansas), New Jersey (on behalf of New Jersey and New York), Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.
- Under the FIFA World Cup Grant Program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funds to each state's State Administrative Agency. State Administrative Agencies must pass-through funds to the Host City Committee Task Forces within 45 days of receipt of funds.
- The State Administrative Agency will pass-through funds to the 11 designated Host City Committee Task Forces in: Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Dallas, TX; Houston, TX; Kansas City, MO; Los Angeles, CA; Miami, FL; New York City/Northern New Jersey Area (East Rutherford, NJ); Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco Bay Area (Santa Clara, CA); and Seattle, WA.



Recipients & Subrecipients

- **Recipient Definition:** A non-federal entity that receives a federal award directly from a federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a federal program. The term recipient does not include subrecipients.
 - Only the eligible State Administrative Agencies are eligible to apply for and directly receive FIFA World Cup Grant Program funds. The State Administrative Agency serves as the **official applicant, primary recipient, and grant administrator**.
- **Subrecipient Definition:** A non-federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal program.
 - The Host City Committee Task Force in each of the 11 host cities will make subawards to local units of government.
 - The Host City Committee Task Force may also make subawards to state agencies, such as law enforcement, emergency management, or public health agencies, to support security and preparedness activities for the FIFA World Cup.
 - FIFA World Cup Grant Program **subrecipients must coordinate with the State Administrative Agency** throughout the grant lifecycle as the State Administrative Agency manages all processes and submits documents to FEMA on behalf of its subrecipients.



Recipient & Subrecipient Responsibilities

Recipients:

- Submit applications to FEMA on behalf of the state and all subrecipients.
- Review applications to ensure they meet the legal, financial, and programmatic requirements set forth by the FEMA and the state's guidelines.
- Manage all processes (deadlines, requirements, payment requests, reports, etc.) for subrecipients.
- Submit documents and reports on behalf of subrecipients.

Subrecipients:

- Coordinate with their State Administrative Agency at each stage of the grant lifecycle.
- Carry out approved projects in coordination with the State Administrative Agency and consistent with Federal law and authorities applicable to the subrecipients.
- Adhere to all recordkeeping, reporting, monitoring/audit, communication, and reimbursement procedures.

Refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity for additional information on recipient and subrecipient responsibilities.



Allowable Activities

- Allowable costs fall into the following categories: (1) Planning, (2) Organization, (3) Equipment, (4) Training, and (5) Exercises.
- Examples of allowable activities include but are not limited to:
 - **Planning:** Developing and enhancing plans and protocols, conducting assessments.
 - **Organization:** Development of whole community partnerships, operational overtime.
 - **Equipment:** Physical security enhancement equipment, inspection and screening services.
 - **Training:** Training workshops and conferences, travel and supplies.
 - **Exercises:** Designing, conducting, and evaluating exercises consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).
- Please see Appendix A: Allowable Activities of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for more information on allowable costs.



Operational Overtime and Surge Personnel

- Funds may not be used to support the hiring of sworn public safety officers for purposes of fulfilling traditional public safety duties or to supplant traditional public safety positions and responsibilities (6 U.S.C. § 609(b)(1)(A)). However, funds may be spent for **operational overtime costs** and **surge personnel**.
 - 94% of these funds will be used to support operational overtime activities.
- Operational overtime and surge support covers activities associated with increased security measures associated with FIFA World Cup 2026 events, including the match venues, practice venues, fan zones, team hotels, dignitary movements, public transportation nodes, etc.
- This also includes activities associated with increased intelligence and information sharing and analysis needs during the conduct of FIFA World Cup 2026.



Procurement Standards: 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-327



317-Procurement by States and Tribes



318-General Procurement Standards



319-Competition



320-Procurement Methods



322-Domestic Preferences



323-Recovered Materials



324-Contract Cost or Price



325-Review of Procurements



326-Bonding Requirements



327-Contract Provisions

Objectives



Reasonable Cost



Preventing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse



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Rules Apply by Entity Type

States & Tribal Nations

Follow their own procurement policies/procedures

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- 322-Domestic Preferences
- ✖ 323-Recovered Materials
- 327-Contract Provisions

VS

Local Governments and Nonprofits:

Must follow own procurement policies and procedures

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Must follow applicable **State or Tribal law**

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Federal Rules:

2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318-327



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Rules Applicable to Local Governments and Nonprofits

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If there are inconsistencies, follow the **more restrictive rule**



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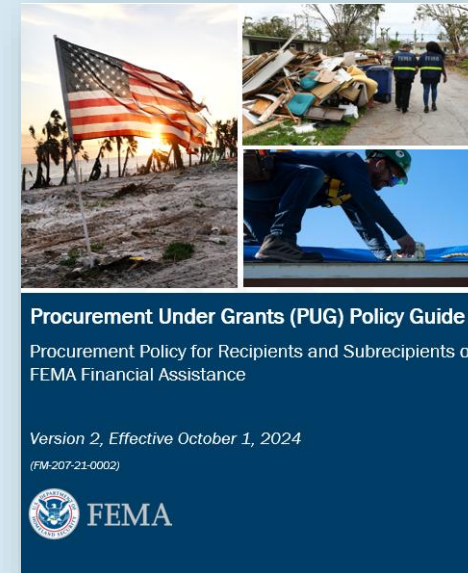
Procurement Under Grants Review and Procurement Under Grants Division Resources

Review

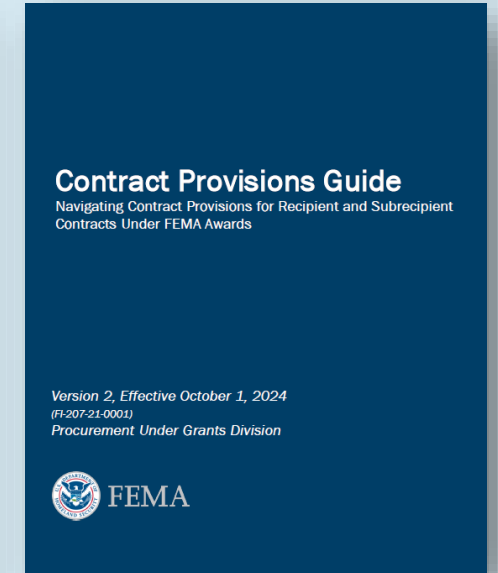
- Procurement Rules are not optional
- They apply to every purchase using FEMA grant funds
- Noncompliance can lead to remedies that affect reimbursement or award

Resources

- Procurement Rules Online: www.ecfr.gov
- Procurement Under Grants Division Resources: www.fema.gov/grants/procurement
- Contact Procurement Under Grants Division: fema-gpd-pdat@fema.dhs.gov and copy your State & FEMA Points of Contact



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Policy Guide](#)



[Contract Provisions
Guide](#)



Statutory Pass-Through Requirement

- “Pass-through” is defined as an obligation on the part of the State Administrative Agency to make funds available to identified subrecipients.
- State Administrative Agencies must pass through **100%** of funds to the 11 Host City Committee Task Forces within **45 days after receipt of funds**. The State Administrative Agency must certify to FEMA that the pass-through is complete, listing amounts and recipients.
 - *To satisfy the statutory pass-through requirements at 6 U.S.C. § 605(c), the state-led Planning Committee as required in 6 U.S.C. § 611(b), which will include representation from local governments and the Host City Committee Task Force in the state, **will consent and confirm through a written document that the Host City Committee Task Force may receive subawards on behalf of the local government and that this satisfies the statutory pass-through requirement.***
- Subrecipients may use up to **5%** of the funding passed through by the state specifically for Management & Administration costs related to the FIFA World Cup Grant Program award.



Application Checklist for Subapplicants

- Subapplicants apply to their State Administrative Agency. The State Administrative Agencies will apply as the prime recipient to FEMA.
- Subapplicants should ensure they:
 - Identify the State Administrative Agency based on the physical location of the organization applying.
 - Confirm when the application submission is due to the State Administrative Agency.
 - Gather all the application materials the State Administrative Agency requires. This might include more documents than FEMA requires.
 - Complete the FEMA Investment Justification.
- Subapplicants should complete and send their applications to the State Administrative Agency.
- Any questions regarding the application should be sent to the State Administrative Agency.



Investment Justification

- Subapplicants should coordinate with the ***State Administrative Agency*** to ensure all required information for the Investment Justification is provided by the deadline set by the State Administrative Agency.
- The Investment Justification must outline the proposed project and implementation plan. It should detail the activities to be undertaken, the timeline for completion, and how the project will enhance the ability of local law enforcement, emergency responders, and public safety officials to prepare for, protect against, and respond to threats and emergencies during the World Cup matches.
- The Investment Justification must address overarching strategy, the intent to include subrecipients, and how subrecipient projects will help reach program goals.
- Subapplicants must include a detailed budget that breaks down costs by category (e.g., Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises) and provides a justification for each expense.



Application Review: State Administrative Agency Review

- The FIFA World Cup Grant Program applications will be reviewed through a two-phase state and federal review process for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the project descriptions and justifications addresses the identified risk(s).
- FIFA World Cup Grant applications are reviewed first by the State Administrative Agency for completeness, eligibility, and alignment with program priorities. The State Administrative Agency reviews subaward applications to ensure they meet the legal, financial, and programmatic requirements set forth by FEMA and the state's guidelines before submitting on behalf of the state to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA.
- As part of the review, the State Administrative Agency must:
 - Conduct an eligibility review.
 - Coordinate with the Host City Committee Task Force(s), then prioritize projects that align with the Notice of Funding Opportunity requirements;
 - Submit Investment Justifications that are recommended for funding to DHS/FEMA.
 - Submit Investment Justifications received and not recommended for funding, including incomplete Investment Justifications and Investment Justifications from subapplicants deemed ineligible to DHS/FEMA.



Application Review: Federal Review

- FIFA World Cup Grant Program applications will be reviewed by federal reviewers for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, feasibility, and how well the project description and justifications address the identified criteria. Final funding decisions take into account risk, subject-matter expert input, project feasibility, and national priorities.
- FEMA will review applications to ensure:
 - Eligibility, feasibility, and alignment with the application criteria listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity; and
 - Compliance with SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants (SAFECOM Guidance).



Subrecipient Monitoring

- The State Administrative Agency is responsible for monitoring subrecipients of the FIFA World Cup Grant Program.
- Pass-through entities must comply with the requirements for subrecipient monitoring and management as set forth in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.331-200.333.
- The pass-through entity is responsible for monitoring the overall performance of a subrecipient to ensure that the goals and objectives of the subaward are achieved. In monitoring a subrecipient, a pass-through entity must:
 - Review financial and performance reports.
 - Ensure that the subrecipient takes corrective action on all significant developments that negatively affect the subaward.
 - Issue a management decision for audit findings pertaining only to the Federal award.
 - Resolve audit findings specifically related to the subaward.



Questions?



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