



Overview of FEMA Citizen Corps Grants

Appropriation

The 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act For Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States (Public Law 107-206) was passed by the Congress and signed by the President on August 2, 2002. The Act included \$25 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Citizen Corps.

FEMA has provided \$21 million as grants to states¹:

- To support the formation of Citizen Corps Councils and the oversight and outreach responsibilities of these Councils, and
- To expand CERT training across the country. CERT training puts in place a volunteer response force that can supplement the emergency and disaster response capabilities within a community. FEMA's goal is to have 400,000 community members trained in the CERT program over the next 2 years.

FEMA has retained the remaining \$4 million for program development, to include public education materials, CERT instructor guides and student manuals, and website support.

Grantee allocations

Allocations for these grants were based on the formula prescribed in Section 1014 of the USA Patriot Act. Each state was allocated a base amount of .75 percent of the \$21 million (\$157,500) and each territory was allocated a base amount of .25 percent of the \$21 million (\$52,500). The remainder of the funds was distributed on the basis of population, which was added to the base amount. The specific dollar amount of the allocations per state and territory is attached.

Requirement to pass at least 75 percent of funds to local governments

Each grantee is required to pass through at least 75 percent of their grant award to local governments, to include tribes. There are no cost-share or match requirements associated with this funding. It is 100 percent federal funding for all grants and sub-grants.

Application requirements

In its grant application for Citizen Corps Council and CERT funding, the state was required include a timeline for developing a jurisdiction wide plan for implementation and the establishment of CERT Train-the-Trainer courses, respectively.

Performance reports from grantees will include a summary of all State and local Citizen Corps Council activities, such as: public education and outreach; training; and volunteer activities relating to community and family safety, with specific details on citizen participation in any Citizen Corps program (e.g. Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, etc.) and the number of people trained in CERT.

For additional information and guidance on Citizen Corps Council/CERT funding, contact the FEMA Regional Office or the State Citizen Corps Point of Contact. Contact information is available on www.citizencorps.gov.

¹ "State" refers to any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.