

# GRANTS MANAGEMENT



## FY2021 EMPG Program Update

### Read carefully to learn about upcoming changes to the program

With spring in full bloom, now is the time to start preparing to apply for the FY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. IDHS is committed to helping guide EMAs to take full advantage of this exciting program.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 has added \$100 million to this year's national EMPG allocation of \$355 million. Eligible entities will be able to take advantage of these funds for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21).

As in prior years, IDHS has applied for the full allocation of funding made available to Indiana through the EMPG Program, and a significant portion of the funding it receives will be passed through to county EMAs. This includes the supplemental funding now available through the ARPA that will be allocated to each state.

The purpose of this message is to inform you of important developments with respect to those passthrough funding opportunities for all county EMAs. **Please review this information carefully as action may be required of you to ensure your access to funding.**

### EMA Personnel Project – Adjustments to Tier-based Allocations

In FY20, a new, tier-based system was implemented to promote equity and ensure sustainability in the distribution of EMPG funding for county EMA personnel. This system will continue in FY21. However, based on evaluation of prior years' EMA personnel expenditures, an additional layer of funding will be implemented in FY21. This reallocation is expected to increase the amount of funding made available to counties that spent more in past years than they received in the FY20 tier allocations, while **counties that have not and do not plan to use their full tier allocations will see their funding reduced accordingly.**

To ensure each county EMA is properly accounted for through this system, each county EMA should do the following:

1. Review the [FY20 Indiana County Allocation Chart](#) to determine your tier allocation eligibility amount. The chart may be accessed under "Additional Information" on the [EMPG webpage](#).
2. Determine the actual amount of your FY19 emergency management agency salary reimbursement.
3. If the amount identified in Step #2 (actual FY19 reimbursement) is less than the amount identified in Step #1 (FY20 allocation), reach out to IDHS by clicking the "CONTACT ME" button below and filling out your EMA contact information.
4. If the amount identified in Step #2 (actual FY19 reimbursement) is greater than or equal to the amount identified in Step #1 (FY20 allocation), no further action is required of you at this time.

**For example:**

1. County X reviews the FY20 Indiana County Allocation Chart and determines that it is eligible for an allocation of \$55,000.
2. County X reviews its FY19 Emergency Management Agency Salary Reimbursement expenditure and determines that it spent only \$45,000.
3. Because the amount identified in Step #2 (\$45,000) is less than the amount identified in Step #1 (\$55,000), County X should immediately request contact from IDHS by clicking the "CONTACT ME" button below.

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that no county will have its tier allocation reduced without first being given the opportunity to discuss its FY21 funding needs with IDHS.

**Requests for contact must be submitted to IDHS no later than June 14, 2021.**

**CONTACT ME**

IDHS will release additional information regarding this development in the coming weeks, prior to the publication of the FY21 EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity.

## **FY21 EMPG ARPA Competitive Project Funding**

As stated above, Indiana has applied for a supplemental EMPG funding allocation made available through the ARPA. Although a specific amount of passthrough funding has yet to be finalized, IDHS expects to make available more than \$1 million for the benefit of county EMA projects (non-salary), which will be offered through a competitive application process. While additional details regarding this

opportunity will be released over the coming weeks, IDHS can provide the following preliminary information:

1. A separate application will be required for EMPG ARPA funding. The deadline for this application will be the same as the deadline for the EMPG personnel funding application.
2. Eligibility for EMPG ARPA competitive project funding will be limited to county EMAs only, and only one EMPG ARPA application will be allowed from each county EMA. More than one project may be included in each application.
3. Project funding will be capped at \$40,000 per application, and partial project funding may be awarded.
4. FEMA has approved Indiana's selection of the following EMPG state funding priorities:
  1. Planning
  2. Infrastructure Systems
  3. Public Health and Healthcare
  4. Operational Coordination

County EMAs will be encouraged to submit project applications that fall within one of these EMPG funding priorities, though projects designed to address other core capabilities are eligible for funding consideration.

5. All projects that include planning, training and/or exercise deliverables must align with closing capability gaps identified and documented in Indiana's most recent THIRA/SPR submission. [Indiana's 2020 core capability rankings](#) may be accessed under "Additional Information" on the [EMPG webpage](#).

Additional information about the FY21 EMPG ARPA allocation is expected to be announced in the coming weeks, prior to the publication of the FY21 EMPG Notice of Funding Opportunity.

IDHS is excited to continue its support of county EMAs through these unique funding opportunities, and we look forward to hearing about all of the great emergency management projects that will be planned for the coming years!

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For more information, submit your questions to the [Grant Management support ticket](#).