2020 EMPG-S Request for Special Projects

EMPG-S funding is provided to counties and cities of the first class and occasionally funding is returned to the State because sub-grantees cannot meet the match requirement.

HSEM is seeking project proposals for the use of these funds. Funding would only be available between March – September 30th of 2020 and the proposed project must fill a gap in your jurisdiction's emergency management program.

Project funding requirements & restrictions:

- Project must be able to be completed in short time from (March September 30th 2020).
- Jurisdictions must be able to document that they have the 50% matching funds available.
- Project must be eligible in the EMPG-S program.
- · Project cannot be salaries.
- Project cannot be construction activities that would trigger an EHP review.

If you have an identified project and believe it would meet these requirements please complete the following project proposal.

(#1. Project Description and Outcomes)

Describe the project, its outcomes and how it will improve emergency management in your jurisdiction.

Storage space in the City is at a premium. The St. Paul PD recently built a training facility which freed up space within a garage. To accommodate PPE purchases we will install temporary fencing within the garage to secure PPE as the garage is a shared space. Due to duct work, the storage will be divided into 2 parts. Additional storage will be temporarily housed in the garage for items that we had to remove from the EOC to accommodate 6 feet of social distancing. In total there will be 3 storage spaces due to space limitations and duct work.

Having storage helps Emergency Management meet the City's needs so that we no longer have to rely on just in time deliveries or on the benevolence of others to provide space.

Remaining funds will be used to cover EOC enhancements that were needed in order to safely work in the EOC. For example, a wi-fi router meant EOC staff no longer had to be tied to an ethernet cable allowing folks to socially distance. Items also purchased were supplies for operating the EOC..

(#2. Capabilities)

Describe how this project sustains or maintains your current capabilities.

CDC guidelines severely hampered our ability to staff the EOC due to space limitations and lack of storage. Being able to store EOC items such as chairs and training supplies enables us to reorganize our space so that we can operate an effective EOC. PPE storage means we can maintain current operations of delivering PPE to needed entitities.

(#3. Regional or State-wide Significance)

Describe whether or not your project has a regional or state-wide significance.

As the capital city, we consistently monitor activities that occur throughout the state and nation. Although the incident that occurs may initially have happened in another jurisdiction, the repercussions are consistently felt within the capital city as demonstrators voice their opinion. Recent national examples include Covid testing, Jacob Blake, George Floyd and Philando Castille demonstrations as well as international related demonstrations with regards to Tibet, Ethiopia and the people of Oromo. Having EOC space and PPE readily available enables us to meet regional and state-wide responses.

(#4. Equipment Requests)

Provide the AEL number for proposed piece of equipment.

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(#5. Project Budget)

Provide an estimated cost of the project.

\$15,000

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