

Summary

Type: Florida
Agency: FL Other
CFDA/ALN: 97.042
Office: Volunteer Florida (VF)
Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)
Multipart Grant: Yes
Next Due: 08/28/2024 (Application)
Solicitation Date: 06/28/2024

Match Required: Yes
Actual Funds: \$100,000 (Confirmed)

Summary:

The purpose of this program is to support the disaster preparedness, training, and education needs of Floridians. Awards will support efforts to engage citizens in all-hazards prevention, protection, response, and recovery.

Funding will support expenditures in the following categories:

- **Planning:** activities that engage the whole community in the development of a strategic, operational, and/or community-based approach to preparedness
- **Organization:** all-hazards emergency management operations, staffing, and other day-to-day activities in support of emergency management
- **Training:** activities that foster the development of a community-oriented approach to emergency management that emphasizes engagement at the community level, strengthens best practices, and provides a path toward building sustainable resilience
- **Exercise:** activities that design, develop, conduct, and evaluate exercises, including the hiring of full- or part-time staff or contractors/consultants
- **Equipment:** equipment that meets all the mandatory regulations and/or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-adopted standards and is listed on FEMA's Authorized Equipment List (AEL), which can be found online at www.fema.gov
- **Management and administration:** activities directly related to the management and administration of program funding

Refer to pages 10-14 of the NOFA file for additional information regarding each expenditure category.

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Funding will be provided for the following program components:

- (Part A): Citizen Corps Program
- **(Part B): Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

The purpose of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) component is to prepare citizens to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Funding will support projects that will train citizens in disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations. This component is intended to train volunteers to provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency first responders arrive on scene.

Projects must meet the training event requirements detailed on page 14 of the NOFA file.

Optional technical assistance webinars are scheduled for this program. Refer to the Application section for details.

Eligibility/Application

Eligibility Notes:

Eligible applicants are:

- Units of local government, including counties and cities, fire tax districts, other tax districts, and regional planning councils
- State-supported community colleges, colleges, and universities
- Federally recognized tribes or nations

The funding agency anticipates that a successful application will be received from each of the Florida Division of Emergency Management's (FDEM's) ten regional county emergency management coordination teams, a map of which can be found online at www.floridadisaster.org/dem. If a viable application is not received from each of the ten teams, or if all applications submitted for a specific region score below the minimum of 60 points, the funding agency will move allocated funds to another region, general consideration funding area, or another program.

Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate:

- High cost efficiency
- A high level of partnership activities
- Significant involvement in all-hazard emergency preparedness
- Strong sustainability plans to sustain the project after the award funding has

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Priority will be given to applicants of existing projects that demonstrate:

- A high degree of excellence in previous awards
- Timely and sound compliance with reporting, expenditures, and project effectiveness
- A willingness to mentor new projects in nearby or distant areas or to expand their own projects to encompass significantly more adjacent geographic areas than currently covered

Previous award recipients that did not expend 100 percent of funds and/or submit timely reports are eligible to apply; however, final scoring of the application may be adjusted to reflect previous fiscal years actual spending and reporting adherence.

Applicants may apply for both components of this program; however, a separate application must be submitted for each component.

501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply directly; however, local jurisdictions may subcontract with such entities to perform project functions.

Previous award recipients include:

- Citrus County Sheriff's Office CERT
- City of Miami Beach, Division of Emergency Management
- Jefferson County Adult and Teen CERT
- Bay County Division of Emergency Management
- Town of Davie Fire Rescue

Refer to the Award file for additional information on previous award recipients.

Eligible Applicants:

Local Government
Academic Institutions
Native American Tribe

Application Notes:

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on **August 28, 2024**.

Applications must be submitted online at *us.grantrequest.com*.

Applications must include:

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- Online application form
- Letter of support or acknowledgment from the corresponding county emergency management office (if applicable)
- Proposed budget worksheet

The full contents of the application will become available upon initiation of the online application process.

All applications must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. Applicants may obtain a UEI number via SAM (System for Award Management) by accessing www.ecivis.com/sam.

Optional technical assistance webinars for this program are scheduled as follows:

Technical Assistance Webinar:

July 31, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Registration: docs.google.com

URL: teams.microsoft.com

Meeting ID: 226 726 103 737

Passcode: w6dTxu

Technical Assistance Webinar: Finance:

August 9, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Registration: docs.google.com

URL: teams.microsoft.com

Meeting ID: 250 644 908 493

Passcode: StLEnC

Responses to the first technical assistance webinar will be posted online at www.volunteerflorida.org by close of business on August 2, 2024. Responses to the second technical assistance webinar for finance will be posted online at www.volunteerflorida.org by close of business on August 12, 2024.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- General considerations (5 points)
- Project narrative (40 points)
- Cost effectiveness (10 points)
- Proposed budget (30 points)
- Community integration (15 points)

Applications must receive a minimum score of 60 points to be considered eligible for funding.

Refer to the NOFA file for additional application information.

Financial

Match Required: Yes

Match Type: Cash/In-Kind

Actual Funds: \$100,000 (Confirmed)

Award Range: \$5,000 (Min) / \$10,000 (Max)

Match Notes:

Applicants must provide at least a one-to-one match via cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Volunteer hours directly related to training and exercises may be used as a match. Volunteer hours must be valued at \$31.61 per hour.

Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate strong sustainability plans to sustain the program after award funding has expired.

Funding Notes:

Up to \$100,000 is available for this program overall, with an unspecified amount of funding available to support awards through ranging from approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 through this component.

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Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Notices of intent to award will be issued by close of business on September 13, 2024. Contracts are anticipated to be awarded on October 1, 2024.

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The project period will begin on October 1, 2024, and end on August 31, 2025.

Management and administration (M&A) costs are limited to 5 percent of the total award amount.

Funds may not be used for supplanting or replacing state or local funds that would otherwise be available to conduct activities supported through this program.

For FY 2024, 11 awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 were intended to be distributed through this component. For FY 2022, 16 awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 were provided. Refer to the Award file for details.

Contact/Files

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Tallahassee, FL 32308

Contact Notes:

Questions should be directed to Shanelle Del Pino.

Applications must be submitted online at us.grantrequest.com.

The agency address provided is for reference purposes only.

Files:

Downloadable Pre-Award Files:

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NOFA File: FL0281B_NOFA_FY2025.pdf - 222.7 Kb

Downloadable Post-Award Files:

Award File: FL0281B_Award_FY2025.pdf - 1.1 Mb

File Notes:

The NOFA file contains the full solicitation for this program. The Award file contains information on previous award recipients.