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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

This week, we have some major news in the nation's COVID-19 response and updates on emergency management trends. We take a deeper look at counterterrorism and the issues facing communities and individuals. And even though March Madness is over, we have you covered with the latest in sports news!



Emergency Management Performance Grant

- The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Notice of Funding Opportunity was released on April 13 and includes the provision of \$405.1 million in funding to assist SLTT governments with emergency management capabilities and preparedness activities. Read more about the funding available [here](#), including [key grant program changes](#), [FAQs](#), and a [Fact Sheet](#).

Shifts in COVID-19 Response

- There were several COVID-19 announcements this week. On April 12, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra renewed the [Public Health Emergency declaration](#), which has been in place since January 27, 2020. The [declaration](#) provides funding and access to resources to support a federal response to a public health emergency. On Monday, after a federal judge [overturned the CDC mask mandate](#) for public transit, numerous airlines, Uber, Amtrak, and the TSA dropped the mask requirement. On Wednesday, the DOJ [appealed the decision](#).

Investments for the 2022 Fire Season

- In response to increasingly intense fire seasons, the Oregon legislature designated \$4.5 million for a [system that monitors wildfires](#). The ALERTWildfire camera network system that is already implemented in parts of OR, NV, CA, WA, and ID allows agencies, firefighters, and the public to track wildfires. Also in wildfire news, PG&E agreed to pay more than [\\$55 million in fines](#) for last year's

Dixie Fire and the 2019 Kincade Fire. The deal allows PG&E to avoid criminal prosecution for the fires that were caused by the company's power lines.

Are You an Emergency Manager? FEMA Wants You

- FEMA is accepting nominations for its [Emergency Manager Exchange](#) – a six-month assignment to FEMA that is designed to strengthen the bonds between the agency and its state and local partners. If you don't make the first round, a future rotation is planned for next January.



Every issue, we'll dedicate space for a topic that we think is especially important for emergency management and public health professionals to read. This week, we highlight counterterrorism mitigation activities. The size, scope, and complexity of counterterrorism initiatives can seem daunting for SLTT, nonprofit, and higher education entities. Below, we outline resources, recent events, and insights into effective counterterrorism programs:

- The [Brooklyn subway shooting](#), near [cyberattack on Hawaii's communications infrastructure](#), and the ninth anniversary of the [Boston Marathon bombings](#) last week highlight the importance of local preparation for targeted violence and cybersecurity threats.
- Several federal programs through the DOJ and DHS provide resources to support SLTT counterterrorism measures, including [CISA](#), the [National Counterterrorism Center \(NCTC\)](#), the [FBI](#), and the [Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team \(JCAT\)](#). The JCAT is comprised of SLTT first responders and public safety professionals and works with federal counterintelligence analysts to develop tools for SLTT agencies.
- The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) testified before Congress earlier this year on the [evolution of domestic terrorism](#). CSIS suggested that increased federal data analysis and counterterrorism training and resources would improve SLTT agency and nonprofit preparedness. An Oregon [report](#) also indicated that effective counterterrorism programs require a multifaceted, multi-agency approach at the national, state, and local level.

Resources to Support Your Counterterrorism Initiatives

Effective counterterrorism programs require risk mitigation at all levels, and knowing where to start to get information can be overwhelming. Below, we compiled several resources, including guides, programs, and grant funding, to support SLTT programs and personal and community preparedness.

- **Leverage Federal Resources for SLTT Partners:** Check out the [JCAT Counterterrorism Guide for Public Safety Personnel](#). The [Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships](#) has resources, Community Awareness Briefings, and Regional Prevention Coordinators to support SLTT partners with counterterrorism initiatives. CISA also has [SLTT cybersecurity best practices and toolkits](#).
 - **Take Advantage of Grant Funding:** The [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Grant Program \(TVTP\)](#) provides funds to SLTT, nonprofits, and higher education entities to develop counterterrorism capabilities. The [Homeland Security Grant Program \(HSGP\)](#) FY22 deadline is June 13. HSGP includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). Talk to your [State Administrative Agency \(SAA\)](#) and reference the [FEMA Preparedness Grants Manual](#) about funding options.
 - **Increased Public Awareness:** Government officials can alert their community to preparation measures, including developing a [Family Disaster Plan](#), joining a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and working with [businesses](#), [schools](#), and [public gathering places](#) on security measures for targeted violence and cybersecurity threats.
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Earth Day 2022: Invest in Our Planet

Happy Earth Day! As you celebrate our beautiful planet today, take a look at these [resources](#), ten facts about the Earth that may [surprise you](#), and the [origins](#) of the day of recognition. And while today marks an opportunity to take concerted actions to preserve and protect our planet, here are ways to make every day an [Earth Day](#).

Listen to Some Tunes

With the weather heating up in most parts of the country (besides the April snow showers in the Northeast) and Coachella's [second weekend](#) on tap, music festivals are returning as a means to see your favorite artists all in one place. Here is a [list of music festivals](#) planned across the U.S. and a ranking of the [top 20 best ones](#).

The World of Sports

There is a lot of exciting sporting events upcoming to keep an eye on. Today and through the weekend, the [NBA Playoffs](#) continue, the [USFL](#) moves into week 2, the [NHL regular season](#) is winding down, and [NASCAR](#) racing is heating up.



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