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Resilience Report

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

\$1.8B in FY24 Preparedness Grant Programs



On April 16, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas announced [\\$1.8B in funding for FY24 preparedness grant programs](#). This includes eight (8) grants: the State Homeland Security Program (HSGP); the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI); the Intercity Passenger Rail; the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG); Operation Stonegarden; the Tribal Homeland Security Program; the Nonprofit Security Grant Program; the Port Security Grant Program; the Transit Security Grant Program; and the Intercity Bus Security Grant Program.

Of note, the \$1.8B in FY24 grant funding represents a **10% decrease** compared to FY23 and the decrease was evenly distributed across programs. At time of writing, the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and the Big City Emergency Managers have written a letter to Secretary Mayorkas expressing concerns with the funding reduction, particularly for the EMPG program, and have requested that shortfalls in grant funding are addressed in the

reprogramming request. NEMA, IAEM, and the Big City Emergency Managers also joined 15 other organizations in submitting an open letter to Congress that outlines the impact of the budgetary cuts on states and localities, who serve pivotal roles executing the U.S.'s emergency management function.

Below is information to know about the FY24 preparedness funding at present:

- **Six (6) Priority Areas in the FY24 Cycle:** DHS emphasizes six priority areas: cybersecurity; soft targets and crowded places; information sharing; domestic violent extremism; community preparedness and resilience; and election security.
- **Non-Competitive Grant Programs:** [HSGP](#), UASI, [EMPG](#), and [Intercity Passenger Rail](#) funding has been allocated. At least 30% of SHSP and UASI funds need to be allocated across the six priority areas listed above, including a minimum spend requirement of 3% of total UASI and SHSP awards toward enhancing election security. The remaining 70% of UASI/SHSP funding should be put toward addressing capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) process. Additional information to note includes that EMPG funding encourages alignment to the priorities outlined in the 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan, including equity, climate resilience, and readiness. Columbus, OH is now eligible for the FY24 UASI program and Intercity Passenger Rail funding is allocated to Amtrak.
- **Competitive Grant Programs:** Learn more about the [Intercity Bus Security Grant Program](#), the [Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#), the [Port Security Grant Program](#), and the [Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program](#) on FEMA's website. The closing date for applications for each grant is June 24, 2024. Applicants can submit applications through [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(GO\)](#), FEMA's new platform.
- **Additional Grant Programs:** Other preparedness grant programs that are not rolled into the \$1.8B announcement require immediate or upcoming attention. This includes the [Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program](#) (last year's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) available in late-May), the [Emergency Operations Center \(EOC\) Grant Program](#), and the [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program](#). Information about FEMA grants available pre- and post-disaster can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

Last week, CONSTANT team members attended the [2024 California Emergency Services Association \(CESA\) Annual Conference and Training](#). If you missed our team members at CESA or are looking to follow up, contact us at info@constantassociates.com.

CONSTANT continues our attendance at upcoming industry conferences for the rest of May and into the summer! Learn more below about where CONSTANT team members will be next month.

Texas Emergency Management Conference

CONSTANT is thrilled to attend the [Texas Emergency Management Conference](#) for the first time! Texas resident Jessica Driskill will be in attendance on behalf of CONSTANT. Contact us at info@constantassociates.com if you are attending The Conference and are interested in connecting with Jessica.

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The Conference

Senior Associate
Jessica Driskill is attending
the Texas Emergency
Management Conference.

*Fort Worth, TX
May 28-31*



Later This Year

More to come about CONSTANT's attendance at the following conferences later this year:

- [Government Procurement Conference](#): June 12th, Washington, D.C.
- [National Sports Safety and Security Conference](#): July 9th-11th, Phoenix, AZ
- [National Homeland Security Conference](#): July 22nd-July 25th, Miami, FL
- [NACCHO 360](#): July 23rd-July 26th, Detroit, MI

In the News



Public Health Preparedness
GAO Reports

Two (2) new GAO Reports review public health preparedness challenges. The first report, published mid-April, examines how [Mpox response highlights](#) the need for HHS to address recurring challenges through a coordinated, department-wide after-action program. The second report, published earlier this month, examines Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) coordination challenges during COVID-19 and mpox.

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The Latest from FEMA

Over the last several weeks, FEMA held an [Extreme Heat Summit Series](#) that concludes with an in-person Chicago Summit on May 21st; announced the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) [2024 Hurricane Season Campaign](#); published a [Climate Adaptation Planning Guide](#); provided a draft [Engaging FBO and CBO Planning Guide](#) for review; and announced funding for [Emergency Food and Shelter](#) and EOCs (below).

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Progress to Advance AI

DHS published guidelines and a report (below) to secure critical infrastructure and WMD from AI-related threats. These documents come as DHS hit the 6-month mark of [Executive Order 14110 - "Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development of AI."](#) In April, DHS also announced the establishment of the [AI Safety and Security Board](#) consisting of 22 representatives across sectors, including critical infrastructure, software, government, and more.

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The Fun Stuff



Memorial Day

Thank you to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. CONSTANT honors and remembers those who have selflessly given and valiantly served our nation.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and this year, the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) spotlights the "Take the Moment" campaign. Learn more about the campaign, social media tools, NAMI HelpLines, and more [here](#).



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