



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Emergency Management

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Research Division

FROM: Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary
William C. Ray, Director 

RE: **Competitive Emergency Management Grants**

DATE: January 15, 2023

Session Law 2021-180, Section 19E.5.(a) provides competitive grants *to county emergency management agencies located in counties with a population of 210,000 or fewer, based upon the 2019 Certified County Population Estimates from the State Demographer in the Office of State Budget and Management. Grants shall be used to ensure local emergency management offices are adequately equipped, trained, and prepared for all hazards and emergencies.*

Pursuant to Session Law 2021-180, Section 19E.5.(b), *the Division [of Emergency Management] shall report on the awarding of grant funds pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by February 1, 2022, and by January 15 of each year thereafter until the funds appropriated by this section are expended.*

Below is an update on the awarding of grant funds.

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Competitive Emergency Management Grants

SL 2021-180 Section 19E.5.(a)

The purpose of this program is to provide competitive grants to county emergency management agencies to ensure local emergency management offices are adequately equipped, trained, and prepared for all hazards and emergencies. Grant funds shall only be awarded to county emergency management agencies located in counties with a population of 210,000 or fewer, based upon the 2019 Certified County Population Estimates from the State Demographer in the Office of State Budget and Management.

Responsible Department and Agency

Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management

Funding Allocation Update

Appropriated	\$8,000,000.00
	(\$3,000,000.00 in FY1
	\$5,000,000.00 in FY2)
Expended	\$0
Obligated	\$3,000,000
Unobligated Balance	\$5,000,000.00

Summary of Activities

NCEM established the Capacity Building Competitive Grant Program to implement this appropriation. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was published February 1, 2022 and an application period for the first round of funding (FY2022) was open from February 16, 2022 – April 15, 2022. Applications were received for 103 projects (counties were allowed to submit up to three projects each) and evaluated and scored by a multi-agency review committee. 24 projects in 15 counties were selected for funding. Grant awards were announced on June 1, 2022. The period of performance for FY2022 runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Awardees are executing their projects, however no cost reports have been received as of December 1, 2022.

NCEM anticipates issuing the Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY2023 in February 2023.

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