



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (2/5/21)

Oversight Hearing

Joint Oversight Hearing of the Emergency Management and Accountability and Administrative Review Committee

- When: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:00pm
- Where: Assembly Chamber, State Capitol
- Topic: COVID-19 Vaccine distributions
- Witnesses: California Health and Human Services Agency, California Office of Emergency Services, Government Operations Agency, Los Angeles County and Yolo County Public Health Departments

President Biden’s Memorandum on Maximizing Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

On February 2, 2021, the President released a memorandum for the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency to retroactively provide a 100 percent Federal cost share for all work eligible for COVID-19 Emergency Protective Measures, as specified under the Stafford Act. Significantly, this raises the Federal cost share from 75 percent to 100 percent for all eligible activities performed from January 20, 2020.

Additional guidance will be forthcoming, but the following link provides details on emergency protective activities that were previously eligible for reimbursement.

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema_eligible-emergency-protective-measures-for-covid_fact-sheet_archived.pdf

FEMA Extends Emergency Sheltering Assistance, Eases Reporting Requirements

On January 29, 2021, FEMA announced a six-month extension of “[Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)” (interim) policy. This policy, and subsequent extension, affirms FEMA’s commitment to reimbursing state, tribal and territorial government’s part of the cost of providing non-congregate sheltering to displaced disaster survivors.

In the spring of 2020, FEMA established a policy that allowed governments to apply for reimbursement of costs associated with non-congregate sheltering of disaster survivors under the FEMA Public Assistance program. The policy was scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 2020. However, due to the continuing need to protect public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA has extended this policy until June 30, 2021

<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/20200722/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-non-congregate-sheltering>

News from the U.S. Fire Administration – February Fire Safety Resources

Home fire fatalities increase during the winter. The USFA partners with the National Fire Protection Association to “Put a Freeze on Winter Fires.” The initiative focuses on hazards that may increase a family’s risk of having a house fire.

In February, USFA focuses on electrical fire safety, complementing the American Burn Association’s National Burn Awareness Week’s theme [“Electrical Safety from Amps to Zap \(A to Z\)!”](#) The National Burn Awareness Week is February 7 – 13. You can share USFA’s [electrical social media cards](#) to remind communities about the importance of electrical safety or follow the Put a Freeze on Winter Fires campaign at #winterfiresafety.

Funding Opportunities

Grant: EMPG for Federally Recognized Tribes in California RFP

The goal of the EMPG for Federally Recognized Tribes in California is to aid federally-recognized tribes in all hazard preparation. Funds dispensed under this Program are required to be used in support of short activities that effectively advance the tribe’s capability to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from both natural or manmade emergencies and disasters.

The due date to apply for this funding is Friday, February 26, 2021. Total funding amounts to \$197,998.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/2020-21-empg-for-federally-recognized-tribes-in-california-rfp/>

Grant: 2021-22 California Comprehensive School Security (CCSS)

The “California Comprehensive School Security” (CCSS) Program is intended to aid local school districts in addressing the gaps in the prevention and intervention of school violence.

To qualify, you must be a County Office of Education for a rural area or small country of 100,000 or less. Each County Office of Education will then determine which elementary, middle, and/or high schools within their area of their jurisdiction to implement the pilot projects.

The due date to apply for this funding is Monday, February 15, 2021. Total funding amounts to \$150,000.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/california-comprehensive-school-security-ccss-program-rfp/>

Funding Opportunities (cont.):

Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Resilience Planning and Public Services (CDBG-MIT PPS)

The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Resilience Planning and Public Services is to aid local jurisdictions in mitigation-related planning and public services needs in order to support risk reduction in three main areas – wildfire, flooding, and earthquake.

The goal of this NOFA is to provide funding for actionable, impact planning and public services projects that have measurable data in risk reduction from natural hazards. Planning projects through this program may be linked to implementation efforts within the relevant MIT-Resilience Infrastructure Program or other projects to reduce risk and increase resilience. If there is no direct link to implementation, the focus should be actionable, measurable and capable of being utilized by jurisdictions immediately.

The deadline to apply for this funding is Friday, February 19, 2021. The total estimated funding available is \$22,400,000.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/community-development-block-grant-mitigation-resilience-planning-and-public-services-cdbg-mit-pps/>

COVID-19 Related News

California to Receive 1M Vaccine Doses This Week:

On February 3, 2021, Governor Newsom announced the state will receive an additional 1,060,000 COVID-19 vaccines from the federal government. California is averaging around 1 million shots administered per week now. The state dashboard now shows an increase of 1,063,000 doses from last week, January 27th.

New Vaccination Sites in California

On February 3, 2021, Governor Newsom announced a pilot partnership with the Biden Administration to open two new vaccination sites in California. The two vaccination sites will be located at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum as well as California State University, Los Angeles. The pilot sites will be co-run by FEMA and Cal OES. FEMA plans to equip the two sites with the necessary resources for success, as well as federal staffing support and operational support. Preparations for the two community vaccination centers are expected to be open starting February 16, 2021.

Johnson & Johnson Announces Submission of Application to the U.S. FDA for Emergency Use Authorization of its Investigational Single-Shot Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate

On February 4, 2021, Johnson & Johnson announced that Janssen Biotech, Inc., submitted an application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requesting Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for its investigational single-dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The company intends to distribute vaccine to the U.S. government immediately following authorization, and expects to supply 100 million doses to the U.S. in the first half of 2021.

<https://www.jnj.com/johnson-johnson-announces-submission-of-application-to-the-u-s-fda-for-emergency-use-authorization-of-its-investigational-single-shot-janssen-covid-19-vaccine-candidate>

Articles of Interest

RAND Terrorism Threat Assessment: In light of the global increase in the number and lethality of terrorist attacks, it has become imperative that nations, states, and private citizens become more involved in a strategic vision to recognize, prepare for, and—if possible—prevent such events. RAND research and analysis has provided policymakers with objective guidance and recommendations to improve preparedness, international collaboration, response, and recovery to this global threat.

<https://www.rand.org/topics/terrorism-threat-assessment.html>

Domestic Violent Extremists Will Be Harder to Combat than Homegrown Jihadists:

The beliefs driving today's domestic extremists are deeply rooted in American history and society. For this and several other reasons, shutting them down will prove far more difficult than combating homegrown jihadists.

<https://www.rand.org/blog/2021/02/domestic-violent-extremists-will-be-harder-to-combat.html>