

**FY 2009 FEMA Preparedness Grants Stakeholder Conference
Consolidated Working Group Recommendations**

Relevant Program(s)	Relevant Section in the Guidance	Working Group Primary Recommendations
All Programs	All Sections	Streamline and consolidate application requirements and packages in order to lessen the administrative burden on applicants
	N/A	Provide advanced notice of <i>major</i> revisions to Guidance and Application kits
	Part IV	Management and Administration (M&A) should be five percent (5%) for all grant programs for both grantees and sub-grantees. Include M&A in funding grid of Investment Justification (IJ)
	Part IV	Remove match/optional cost share requirements for all programs. If FY 2010 has optional cost share much clearer guidance is required. In FY 2009, what is now required? Recommendation is that minimal requirements are in place
	N/A	Improve the inclusiveness of all partners (i.e., Tribal Nations, nonprofit organizations) by providing additional grant guidance, establishing points of contact for all homeland security stakeholder entities, offering additional training and technical assistance, and providing guidance to State and local governments regarding inclusion of the stakeholder communities
	Part IV	Clearly define the allowability of maintenance and sustainment of ongoing programs that extend across programs and periods of performance within grant guidance and other policy documents
EMPG	Part I & IV	Keep EMPG Operational Focus and Consistency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain flexibility ▪ Ensure grassroots emergency management infrastructure ▪ Maintain all hazards focus ▪ Clarify difference between HSGP and EMPG ▪ Consistency of timeline and management of annual distribution
HSGP, SHSP Tribal	Part II	Simplify application process: Split award into competitive/non-competitive allocations
	Part IV	Streamline the HSGP application process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Look at already standing DHS models (PSGP/AFG) ▪ Keep it short (possibly 5 page application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement of risk and how you buy it down ▪ Utilize strategies and state preparedness report ▪ Replace Mid-Term Review process with regularly updated web FAQs ▪ Introduction of technology to aid in application/administration
HSGP, SHSP Tribal	Part V	Eliminate Current Peer Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace with less subjective evaluation process by using SME's, consultants, or DHS personnel to review applications (small group reviews all applications) ▪ Create new ways to measure effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use past data like reporting, strategy, ISIP, BSIR, Quarterly Reports to monitor grantees and review their effectiveness - Use indicators of anticipated effectiveness such as the application package

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	Part V & VIII	Publish the peer review scoring worksheet in the Grant Guidance
	Part IV & Supplemental Document	FY 2010 IJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain overall IJ Narrative ▪ Eliminate Challenge Section ▪ Remove TCL Narrative Section as a whole ▪ Funding request should not be done by TLC but rather by POETE and M&A
	Part V	For the FY 2010 transition and out years, evaluate and recommend improvements to the effectiveness determination process by an independent, third party entity (i.e., research or academic institution) in order to improve validity and reliability and to reduce cost, time, and effort [HSGP, SHSP Tribal, NSGP]
	Part II & IV	Policy enhancements and improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% allocation based on risk are recommended for FY 2010 ▪ Effectiveness would be demonstrated through improvements in target capabilities
	Part IV	Clarification on the PRICE Act is needed in writing
IECGP & RCPGP	Part II	Standardize period of performance across all grant programs to 36 months
PSGP	Part III	Enhance Fiduciary Agent Program
	Overview & Part I	Modify Program Cost Goals and Requirements
RCPGP	Part I & IV	Sustainability of RCPGP sites should be considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More time and resources are needed to complete projects
	N/A	Updated strategy guidance is needed