

# DMVA PROGRAM 05 – NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM (NEHRP)

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## I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) seeks to mitigate earthquake losses in the United States through basic and directed research and implementation activities in the fields of earthquake science and engineering. NEHRP is a multi-agency program consisting of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), FEMA, the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NEHRP program supports the mission area of the FY20-24 DHS Strategic Plan titled “Strengthen Preparedness and Resilience,” as well as the national preparedness goal of mitigation, as provided in the Presidential Policy Directive (PPD-8). NEHRP also supports the FEMA 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, by contributing to the accomplishment of Strategic Goal 3: Promote and Sustain a Ready FEMA and Prepared Nation. The NEHRP Assistance Listing Number is 97.082.

## II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Funds are awarded to the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) upon approval of the NEHRP application by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grant Programs Directorate (GPD). The cost share for Individual State Earthquake Assistance grants is 75% federal share and 25% non-federal cost share. FEMA will provide 100% federal funding for management costs.
- Both State and local entities provide the match base on the awarded amount. Program compliance is based on federal fiscal year guidance.

## III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

**Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and Register in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).** Each applicant, unless they have a valid exception under 2 CFR §25.110, must:

- a. Be registered in Sam.Gov before application submission.
- b. Provide a valid UEI in its application.
- c. Continue to always maintain an active SAM registration with current information during the federal award process. Note: Per 2 C.F.R. § 25.300, subrecipients are NOT required to go through the full SAM registration process. First-tier subrecipients (meaning entities receiving funds directly from the recipient) are only required to obtain a UEI through SAM, but they are not required to complete the full SAM registration to obtain a UEI. Recipients may not make subawards unless the subrecipient has obtained and provided the UEI.
- d. Lower-tier subrecipients (meaning entities receiving funds passed through by a higher-tier subrecipient) are not required to have a UEI and are not required to register in SAM. Applicants are also not permitted to require subrecipients to complete a full registration in SAM beyond obtaining the UEI.
- e. Applicants must register in FEMA GO and add their organization to the system. The organization’s electronic business point of contact (EBiz POC) from the SAM

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registration may need to be involved in this step. For step-by-step instructions, see <https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/fema-go/startup>.

All sub awardees receiving federal funds must ensure they are not excluded or disqualified in accordance with [§ 180.300](#). Verification methods are provided in [§ 180.300](#), which include confirming in *SAM.gov* that a potential subrecipient is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal funds. It is the subrecipient's responsibility to ensure they comply with these criteria. (2 C.F.R. § 200.332(a), 2024).

All costs charged to federal awards (including both federal funding and any non-federal matching or cost sharing funds) must comply with applicable statutes, rules and regulations, and policies, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. They must also comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 unless otherwise indicated in the NOFO or the terms and conditions of the federal award. This includes, among other requirements, that costs must be incurred, and products and services must be delivered within the budget period 2 C.F.R. § 200.403(h). The following identifies a list of activities for which a recipient may not use federal funds and any cost sharing or matching funds under federal awards:

- Matching or cost sharing requirements for other federal grants and cooperative agreements (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.306).
- Lobbying or other prohibited activities under 18 U.S.C. § 1913 or 2 C.F.R. § 200.450.
- Prosecuting claims against the federal government or any other government entity (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.435) See subsections below for information on any other funding restrictions.

## **Allowable/Unallowable Costs**

- 1) Planning-related costs **are allowed** under this program only as described in NOFO.
- 2) Personnel costs **are allowed** under this program only as described in NOFO.
- 3) Training related costs **are allowed** under this program only as described in NOFO.
- 4) Exercise related costs **are allowed** under this program only as described in NOFO (see [Appendix B – Programmatic Information](#)).
- 5) Domestic travel costs **are allowed** under this program only as described in NOFO.
- 6) Equipment costs are **NOT allowed** under this program.
- 7) International travel is **NOT allowed** under this program unless approved in advance by FEMA.
- 8) Construction and renovation costs are **NOT allowed** under this program.
- 9) Earth science related costs are **NOT allowed** under this program.

## **IV. SUGGESTED AUDIT PROCEDURES**

Review State and local ISEA agreements to determine if there are special requirements and/or products to be developed; and test expenditure records to determine if expenditures are eligible.

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## A. ELIGIBILITY -

The auditor is not expected to verify eligibility other than that required by section III (A) above.

## B. MATCHING, LEVEL OF EFFORT AND/OR EARMARKING REQUIREMENTS -

**Compliance Requirement:** The federal funds must be matched by State and local funds. Funds from other federal programs cannot be used to provide the local match.

**Suggested Audit Procedure:** Review local fund documents to ensure that no federal funds were used to provide the required local match.

## C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS -

**Compliance Requirement:** The local jurisdiction must provide DHS&EM a quarterly financial billing and narrative report of NEHRP activities.

**Suggested Audit Procedure:** Review reports for timeliness.

## D. SPECIAL TESTS AND PROVISIONS -

**Compliance Requirements:** The local jurisdiction must be able to show NIMS adoption and implementation through completion of the Alaska Assessment.

### **Suggested Audit Procedures:**

- a) Review State of Alaska state preparedness report.
- b) Review jurisdictional Alaska assessment report.
- c) Review of federal financial report.
- d) Review biannual strategy implementation report (BSIR).
- e) Review the current year Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) publication and State and local EMPG agreements to determine if there are special requirements and/or products to be developed; and test expenditure records to determine if expenditures are eligible.

For more information: [DHS-24-MT-082-02-99-Full Announcement - Notice of Funding Opportunity.zip](#)