



READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS GRANT

FY 2009

What Is the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant?

The REMS grant is a competitive grant program designed to improve and strengthen school emergency management plans, which include training school personnel and students in emergency management procedures, communicating with parents about emergency plans and procedures, and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety, public health, and mental health agencies.

Who Is Eligible?

- **The REMS grant competition limits eligibility to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)** and consortia thereof. Nonprofit organizations, private schools, and institutions of higher education are not eligible applicants for this grant program. However, any private schools that fall within the geographic boundary must be included in the planning process by the primary applicant.
- **The REMS grant competition also limits eligibility to applicants who do not currently have an active grant under this program.** For purposes of this grant eligibility requirement, a grant is considered active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any no-cost extensions that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

Program Requirements

- Projects need to improve and strengthen emergency management plans and address the four phases of emergency management:
 - Prevention-mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery
- Plans must include the following topics:
 - Training for school personnel and students in emergency management procedures
 - Coordination with local law enforcement, public safety, public health, mental health, and local governments
 - A method for communicating school emergency management policies and reunification procedures to parents and guardians
 - Communication, transportation, and medical needs of individuals with disabilities and special needs within the school district
 - Infectious disease outbreak plan
 - Food defense plan

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(Program Requirements continued)

- Allowable expenditures
 - Equipment purchases over \$5,000 are allowable, if they are justifiable within the emergency preparedness program.
 - Software is permissible if justifiable.
 - Construction is not an eligible expense.
 - Building numbers for the grant will include all buildings, including outbuildings, garages, administration buildings, and any other owned structures within the district.
 - Grant funding cannot be used for an actual emergency response or recovery.
 - Training of students, staff, and parents is encouraged within the grant.

Award Amounts

- Small districts (less than 25 buildings)
 - Award not to exceed \$100,000 unless overage is justified within program
- Medium districts (between 25 and 74 buildings)
 - Award not to exceed \$250,000 unless overage is justified within program
- Large districts (over 74 buildings)
 - Award not to exceed \$500,000 unless overage is justified within program

When Is the Application Deadline?

All applications must be received at the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 14, 2009. Applications can be sent via U.S. Postal Service, commercial carrier (FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc.), or they may be hand delivered. Details are available within the application packet regarding the procedures for applying.

Further information can be found on the REMS Web site at
<http://rems.ed.gov/index.cfm>.

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