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EMPG GETS FIRST BOOST IN ALMOST A DECADE



The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is only a few small steps away from a **\$5 million increase**. This will mark the first increase for the program since 2012 and bring the total funding level to \$355 million.

The accomplishment of this goal in the face of annual recommended cuts in the President's budget, and a continually resource-strained fiscal environment, speaks volumes of the **collective voice of emergency management across the country**. Each year, NEMA joins with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) to provide a joint report on EMPG to Congress detailing the return on investment. This is the only annual report on a FEMA grant voluntarily completed by stakeholder associations. Furthermore, state directors continue building relationships with their Congressional delegations to demonstrate the importance of programs such as EMPG.

Other increases of interest to NEMA members includes:

- **\$35 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program;**
- **\$25 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative;**
- **Full funding of \$18 million for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security.**

The House just passed the spending package by a 280-138 vote. The Senate is due to complete the legislative process prior to the December 20 deadline.

NEMA will send a full summary of the bill in the coming days but we wanted to let you know the good news as soon as we received word of it's likely passage.

Happy Holidays!

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