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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: Application Season

With Congressional members in district work mode this week and next, things seem to be in a holding pattern. That does not mean time is standing still, however, with seven notices of funding out on a suite of homeland security grants that are all facing May 13, 2022 deadlines.

Additionally, the FY2022 EMPG NOFO was released this Wednesday. Applications for the EMPG program will be due June 13, 2022. Appropriators have provided \$405 million to be provided for the vital program. More information can be found in the [press release](#) for the NOFO.

### Hearings the Week of April 18, 2022

[A Matter of Life and Death: Improving Fire Safety in Federally Assisted Housing](#)  
House Committee on Financial Services  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 12pm ET

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

### Nonprofit Security Grant Webinars

Gain insight into how the fiscal year 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program can help your faith-based, community or nonprofit organizations by joining one of the upcoming webinars.

FEMA, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, will start this technical assistance webinar series on April 21 through the beginning of June.

The program will provide \$250 million through a competitive application process for facility hardening and other security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack. Additionally, the program promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration between public and private community representatives, as well as state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

To register for a webinar, visit the [FEMA NSGP webpage](#).

### White House Releases Federal Agencies' Equity Action Plans

On Thursday, more than 90 federal agencies, including all Cabinet-level agencies, released the first-ever Equity Action Plans that lay out more than 300 concrete strategies and commitments to address the systemic barriers in our nation's policies and programs that hold too many underserved communities back from prosperity, dignity, and equality. This is a result of [Executive Order 13985](#), which President Biden signed on his first day in office.

For new agency commitments, check out the full [White House Press Release](#).

### FEMA Seeks Feedback on Draft of Emergency Management Guide for Senior Officials

FEMA is seeking feedback on the draft "[Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide: Roles and Resources in Emergency Management](#)." FEMA is hosting a [webinar](#) to provide an overview of the draft guide and gather feedback. The webinar will include a facilitated discussion with stakeholders to help improve the existing draft. A line-numbered version of the draft guide is available to allow individuals to provide comments on specific areas within the document.

The national engagement period will conclude on April 22. To provide input, download the draft "Local Elected and Appointed Officials Guide" and email the feedback form to [NPD-Planning@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:NPD-Planning@fema.dhs.gov).

### FEMA Seeks Competitive Research Proposals to Advance Emergency Management

FEMA's [Higher Education Program](#) (HighEd) is seeking competitive research proposals to help advance the discipline of emergency management. The submission period closes at midnight ET on April 22. HiEd annually funds academic research that examines complex, real-world issues and provides actionable recommendations that advances the practice of emergency management. The program typically funds 10-15 exceptional proposals under \$10,000.

To apply, send a completed [template](#) to [fema-hiedproposals@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-hiedproposals@fema.dhs.gov) by midnight ET April 22. This year, FEMA is prioritizing climate change and equity objectives that align with the agency's 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan.

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

Harvard Business Review: [When Crisis Management Becomes Conflict Management](#)  
The Hill: [Forecasters Predict 'Above-Normal' 2022 Hurricane Season](#)  
Respa News: [HUD Announces \\$3 Billion To Build Climate Resilience](#)  
Governing: [These Energy Innovations Could Transform How We Mitigate Climate Change, and Save Money in the Process](#)

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