

Federal Funds
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Program Summary

Program Overview

As the state agency responsible for the Arizona National Guard and coordinating the state emergency response, the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) receives and expends a significant amount of Federal Funds. These grants cover costs associated with salary, facility maintenance, planning, preparedness, and mitigation.

Background

DEMA receives Federal Funds to help offset the costs of the Arizona National Guard and to prepare for emergencies.

The Arizona National Guard, which is divided into an Army and Air Force branch, is a reserve fighting force that can be called to active duty by either the President or the Governor. When not called to active duty, the Arizona National Guard is controlled by the Governor through the Adjutant General, a gubernatorial appointee. Though largely controlled by the state, the Arizona National Guard is predominately federally funded with only 2.9% of total FY 2018 expenditures derived from the state's appropriated National Guard Matching Funds line item. As of September 2018, there were approximately 7,700 members of the Arizona National Guard with 5,200 of them belonging to the Army and 2,500 to the Air Force.

DEMA also oversees the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan which provides a framework for state, local, and federal governmental entities to coordinate efforts to prepare for and handle emergencies or disasters. As a result, a large portion of federal monies for emergency mitigation and preparedness flow through or to DEMA.

Program Funding

The federal money that DEMA receives can be divided into 2 categories: Military and Emergency funding. In FY 2018, DEMA received a total of \$57,934,500 in federal funding, including \$50,915,800 for military purposes and \$7,018,700 for emergencies.

Military

DEMA received a total of \$50,915,800 in Federal Funds in FY 2018 for military purposes. DEMA receives military funds from awards and fees paid for services. The vast majority of Federal Funds received by DEMA are National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance Projects grants which provide funding for salaries, supplies and materials, maintenance of equipment, certain equipment items, real property maintenance, rental of equipment and facilities, food, clothing, and fuel. The grants can be non-matching or require a 25% or 50% match depending on the purpose, but DEMA does not always pay the full amount. DEMA only pays a 5% match for grants that are utilized by the 162nd Wing of the Air National Guard, for example, as other foreign air forces share utilization of the unit's Tucson facilities and pay the remaining 20% match.

In FY 2018, DEMA received \$35,461,700 in National Guard Military Operations and Maintenance Projects monies. Of this amount, \$1,800,500 required a 50% match, or \$900,300; \$3,720,000 required a 25% match, or \$930,000; and \$2,861,700 required a 5% match, or \$143,100, for a total required match of \$1,973,400. In FY 2018, DEMA utilized \$1,341,300 from the State Match appropriations, \$459,300 from the Military Affairs appropriation and \$172,800 was provided by the ADOA building renewal appropriation.

DEMA also receives federal grants for the Military Construction program, which provide one-time monies for the acquisition of facilities that are necessary for the training and administration of the National Guard. These facilities can include armories for offices, storage, assembly areas, rifle ranges, and classrooms and for non-armory facilities that facilitate supply, training, and administration. In FY 2018, the Arizona National Guard received \$1,680,900 for the construction of a water supply and treatment facility.

Apart from grants, DEMA receives federal monies for the storage of various materials belonging to the Air Force, Navy, Royal Air Force (United Kingdom), Singapore Peace Vanguard, and other Department of Defense sponsored entities at Camp Navajo in Bellemont, Arizona. Camp Navajo is a storage and training facility that was transferred from the Department of Defense to the Arizona National Guard in 1993 as part of the Base Realignment and Closure program. Camp Navajo is currently the only National Guard facility in the country to store equipment that is subject to the terms of the New START nuclear arms treaty between Russia and the United States. Examples of the kind of materials stored at Camp Navajo include missile engines, grain, munitions, and other supplies for training. The storage facilities at the Camp include cement bunkers and large open area warehouses.

DEMA charges users of the facility a monthly fee based on the amount and type of space that is utilized. In FY 2018, revenue from storage totaled \$13,773,200 and is estimated to total \$14,649,700 in FY 2019. These monies are then utilized for the operational costs of the Camp. A.R.S. § 26-152 allows DEMA to utilize the Camp Navajo Fund monies for the operation and maintenance of National Guard facilities after all budgeted costs of Camp Navajo are met.

Emergency

DEMA received a total of \$7,018,700 in federal monies in FY 2018 for emergency purposes. In FFY 2018, DEMA was awarded \$7,077,300 by the federal government. The state match for these monies is funded by \$735,000 from the General Fund operating budget appropriation, \$1,438,900 from the Emergency Management Matching Funds line item appropriation, \$735,500 of the Nuclear Emergency Management Fund appropriation, and \$4,167,900 from the local government sub-recipients.

The largest emergency grant received by DEMA is the Emergency Management Performance Grant. This grant provides monies that DEMA either expends or passes on to local governments for planning, training, and other preparation for natural disasters and other emergencies. In FY 2018, DEMA received \$5,319,900 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Another grant category which DEMA receives monies from is the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The Arizona Department of Homeland Security receives these funds from the federal government and then distributes them to counties, who in turn contract with DEMA for first responder training. In FY 2018, DEMA received \$373,300 in State Homeland Security Grants monies for their first responder training classes.

To help prevent disasters, DEMA also receives Federal Funds from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Interagency Hazardous Materials Training, and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. In FY 2018, these grants total \$732,500, including \$296,700 for Hazard Mitigation, \$128,100 for Interagency Hazardous Materials Training, and \$307,700 for Pre-Disaster Mitigation. Although the monies for these programs are federal, DEMA administers the programs for the state and passes monies to eligible local governments while retaining less than 3% for administrative costs. Each of these grants has a matching requirement. The specific purpose of each grant is outlined below:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant – Monies for the mitigation of hazards to communities following a Presidential major disaster declaration.
- Interagency Hazardous Materials Training – Funding to increase the number of hazardous materials training instructors available to train individuals how to respond to hazardous materials accidents and incidents.
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation – Funding for projects that reduce the overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

Some examples of mitigation projects that would be eligible for funding under these grants would include structure elevation, property acquisition and demolition or relocation, soil stabilization, and retrofitting of existing structures.

A final category of federal grant that DEMA receives is the Disaster Grant. These monies are restricted to Presidentially-declared disasters or emergencies and can be used for the removal of wreckage or debris, emergency protective measures, emergency transportation, emergency communications, and the permanent restoration of public facilities or infrastructure. In FY 2018, DEMA received \$593,000 from this grant program with all but approximately 3% for administrative costs being distributed to local governments. The matching requirement for this grant is 25% of the grant amount which is 60% funded by local governments and 40% funded from the Governor's Emergency Fund.

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