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## GRANTS INFORMATION BULLETIN # 3

**TO:** EMPG Sub-grantees

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**RE:** EMPG Frequently Asked Questions

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### FY 2008 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)

#### Frequently Asked Questions as reported by DHS

- Q. What will the period of performance be for the FY2008 EMPG program?
- A. The EMPG program award period will be from October 1, 2007 until June 30, 2009.
- Q. Construction and Renovation costs are not allowed with FY 2008 EMPG program funds. What other funding opportunities are available for construction and renovation purposes?
- A. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of developing a grant program focusing specifically on emergency operations centers, of which construction and renovation will be an allowable cost. Details will be provided in the Spring of 2008. In addition to this forthcoming program, other homeland security grant programs allow, to a limited extent, for construction and renovation projects. Please consult your Preparedness Officer for information relative to other homeland security grant programs which allow for construction and renovation project spending.
- Q. How does construction and renovation differ from minor maintenance projects?
- A. Grantees should confer with their FEMA Regional Preparedness Officer (or FEMA National Preparedness Division representative if there is no Regional Preparedness Officer). The FEMA Regional Preparedness Officer can help to facilitate construction and renovation questions and discussions between the grantee and the Region's

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*"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."*

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- Q. Are the State Emergency Management Agencies required to pass through a minimum of 97% of their EMPG award funds to local units of government?
- A. No, there is no pass-through requirements associated with the EMPG program funds.
- Q. Are the core allowability components of EMPG, such as organizational staffing, still allowed in EMPG?
- A. Yes, the core allowable components of EMPG have not changed. Recognizing the EMPG as a unique program dedicated specifically for the emergency management community, and in order to continue meeting state and local emergency management needs, personnel staffing in order to accomplish planning, operations, training, and exercises, and equipment acquisition is still allowable just as in years past. Allowable and unallowable costs relative to EMPG grant funds will be discussed in more detail in local EMPG guidance which is forthcoming.