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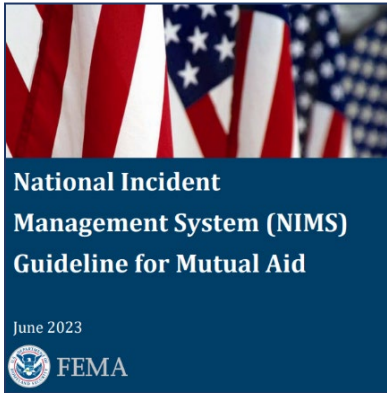
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FEMA Seeks Public Feedback on NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid



FEMA's National Integration Center is seeking public feedback on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Guideline for Mutual Aid **no later than 5 p.m. ET on July 12, 2023.**

NIMS is a key component of the national incident management capabilities and enables organizations from across the nation to work together during incidents of all kinds and sizes. Implementing NIMS nationwide is a fundamental part of building our national preparedness.

The NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid supplements the Resource Management component of NIMS by providing guidance on different types of mutual aid agreements, the key elements of a mutual aid agreement and the key elements of mutual aid operational plans used for implementation.

National engagement provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft document, to ensure that it is relevant for all implementing partners.

To provide comments on the draft, complete the feedback form and submit the form to fema-nims@fema.dhs.gov **no later than 5 p.m. ET on July 12, 2023.**

Interested parties can review a working [draft of the National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) Guideline for Mutual Aid](#) and submit all feedback through the [National Engagement for Draft NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid Comment Matrix](#).

FEMA Authorizes Funds to Fight McEwan Fire in Washington

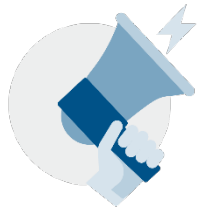
FEMA has authorized the use of federal funds to help with firefighting costs for the McEwan Fire burning in Mason County, Washington. The State of Washington's request for a federal [Fire Management Assistance Grant \(FMAG\)](#) was approved by FEMA Region 10 Administrator Willie G. Nunn on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at 11:28 p.m. PT. He determined that the McEwan Prairie Fire threatened to cause such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. This is the second FMAG approved in 2023 to help fight wildfires in Washington.

At the time of the state's request, the wildfire threatened homes in and around the community of Shelton. The fire also threatened highways, local ancillary roads, Mason County Public Utility District (PUD) infrastructure, Bonneville Power Administration transmission lines, Burlington-Santa Fe rail lines, communications towers, parks and hiking trails, and numerous businesses contributing to the manufacturing, mining, and agricultural industries.

FMAGs are provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund and are made available by FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to cause a major disaster. Eligible items can include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair, and replacement; mobilization and demobilization activities; and tools, materials, and supplies. This authorization makes FEMA funding available to pay 75 percent of the state's eligible firefighting costs under an approved grant for managing, mitigating, and controlling designated fires. These grants do not provide assistance to individual home or business owners and do not cover other infrastructure damage caused by the fire.

In addition to the firefighting funds authorized under this FMAG, another \$1,225,032 will be available to Washington through the [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\) Post Fire](#) for the mitigation of future wildfires and related hazards, such as flood after fire or erosion. Some eligible wildfire project types include defensible space measures, ignition-resistant construction, and hazardous fuels reduction. The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 authorizes FEMA to provide HMGP Post-Fire funds to eligible states and territories that receive Fire Management Assistance declarations and federally recognized tribes that have land burned within a designated area.

Training Opportunity: Procurement Under Grants Training | Mitigation Grants



FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) is offering a series of one-hour trainings on the federal procurement rules applicable to recipients and subrecipients when purchasing in support of a FEMA mitigation grant. These virtual trainings will be facilitated by GPD's Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) and will be offered throughout 2023. The trainings are 1-hour long and will cover a variety of procurement under grant concepts, frequent compliance issues, and will highlight a variety of resources.

Knowing the federal procurement rules when purchasing goods and services under a FEMA grant program, including [Public Assistance](#), will help increase your chance of securing and keeping the funding you need. Keep in mind that different sets of rules apply depending on your entity type, the cost of your goods or services, contract type, and procurement method.

If you are interested in attending this training, please [register here](#). For additional information and trainings on the Federal procurement standards, please visit the [PDAT website](#).

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions.

Email: RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
STARR II: Substantial Damage & DRRR 1206	July 13, 10 am	1
CRS: Annual CRS Requirements	July 18, 10 am	1.5
CRS: Watershed Master Planning	July 19, 10 am	1
STARR II: Preparing for a CAV	July 27, 10 am	2
STARR II: NFIP Basics	August 10, 10 am	1
CRS: FEMA Elevation Certificates	August 15, 10 am	1.5
CRS: CRS & Substantial Damage Properties Management Plans	August 16, 10 am	1



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