Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:
Getting the Facts

Purpose of the Program:
The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a federal disaster assistance program that helps fund projects that will reduce or eliminate the effects (costs) of hazards and/or the vulnerability to future disaster damage. Unlike the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) more familiar public agency disaster assistance program that helps pay for the permanent repair and restoration of existing facilities, the HMGP goes beyond simply fixing the damage. The HMGP will, within the limits of state and federal guidelines, help to fund a wide range of new projects that reduce hazard vulnerability and the potential of damage.

Additional Requirements:
- Applicants must be jurisdictions that are participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing or be located in a community that is.
- Applicants must have a FEMA approved All-Hazards Mitigation Plan or be located in a jurisdiction that has one.

Funding Constraints:
The grants will be made available to eligible applicants on a competitive basis. A 75% Federal share and a 25% Non-federal (local) share will apply to all projects. The total amount for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is limited. According to the law, FEMA may contribute no more than 15% of the amount that it will spend under the Public Assistance & Individual Assistance programs for this disaster. In order to select projects for funding, all proposals will be evaluated against state and federal program criteria. Some of the general criteria are listed below.

HMGP Process for 2012:
- State will conduct HMGP Applicant Briefings in impacted communities following disaster declaration.

-HMGP Applicant Briefings were held between Thursday, October 6 to Friday October 14, 2011 throughout the State.

-Notice of Interest (NOI) to participate in the HMGP will be available at the HMGP Applicant Briefing.

-Notice of Interest (NOI) to participate in the HMGP are submitted to the state by eligible applicants no later than **February 17, 2012**.

- Following the state's review of the NOIs, a HMGP application is mailed and or emailed to the eligible applicant.
- All HMGP project applications must be submitted to the state by **June 29, 2012.**
- HMGP applications are reviewed for eligibility and site visits conducted as required.
- HMGP applications are then evaluated and scored by a

Eligible Applicants:
- State Government
- Local Government
- Registered Non-Profit Organizations
- Special Districts
- Indian Tribes

working group of state and local representatives. Local representatives will be selected from jurisdictions that did not submit a project application.

- HMGP projects are then recommended to FEMA for approval and funding based upon the score and available funds.
- Upon notification of approval and funding, a grant agreement between the state and applicant is developed.

For more information regarding the HMGP, please visit our website at http://publicsafety.utah.gov/emergencymanagement/naturalhazards.html or contact :

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State WebEOC - *Updates*

Utilizing WebEOC: Requesting and Acquiring Resources

The Division of Emergency Management is asking jurisdictions to utilize WebEOC when making resource requests through the state. A process exists for receiving a resource request, obtaining the resource, and getting the resource to the requestor and it starts with WebEOC. Using WebEOC validates that the request is coming from an authorized source with the authority to order for their jurisdiction, activates the state logistics process, allows the resource to be tracked from request-to-deactivation, and a cost trail for reimbursement is initiated. All resource sources available to the city/county should be used to obtain resources before going to the state; when you are requesting a state resource (other than mandated resources), you are saying you have exhausted local resources, contract resources and mutual aid resources. If the resource requested needs to come from FEMA, the State Approving Official is signing for the governor that basically the state and local agencies have exhausted all of their resources, such as:

- The state and local government cannot perform, nor contract for, the performance of the requested work
- Work is required as a result of the event, not a preexisting condition
- The State is providing the required assurances found in 44CFR 206, 208 i.e. we will pay our share of the costs/ liability, etc.

DEM just asks that you follow the resource request process, and it starts by using WebEOC to request the resource. For more information, please contact Joe Thornton at jthornton@utah.gov

Utah's PIOs gain new skills, broader network

Nowhere else can you be told you're failing or that you're not as smart as you think you are and come away feeling better about yourself than at the Utah State PIO Association's annual conference.

At least, that was the case this year, as motivational speaker and leadership expert Jack Enter and Salt Lake Tribune humor columnist Robert Kirby came to St. George and reminded PIOs that they don't need to take themselves too seriously. The way to do that, of course, is to remember to laugh at yourself.

PIOs also learned lessons from incidents here at home and in other states, including North Carolina and Arizona.

The state PIO association exists to build a statewide joint information system. The idea is that if PIOs know one another now, when a disaster hits the state, relationships will be in place to allow them to effectively communicate emergency public information.

The association also meets quarterly to share lessons learned and build the PIO network.

Local joint information systems also exist throughout the state.

Now is the time to work with your agency's PIO to assess the joint information system in your area.

Who are the PIOs that need to belong to the JIS? Don't forget police and fire agencies, local, state and federal government, hospitals, schools and the private sector.

Please ensure your agency's PIO is connected with the state PIO association so he or she doesn't miss out on opportunities, such as the annual conference. Connecting with the association is easy. PIOs should click here and join a mailing list as a public information officer.

Or they can contact Joe Dougherty, PIO for the Division of Emergency Management, at 801-664-1530 or by email at jdougherty@utah.gov.

FEMA - Emergency Alert System (EAS)

THIS IS ONLY A TEST -

As part of their ongoing efforts to keep our country and communities safe during emergencies, the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Emergency Management Agency will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The EAS test plays a key role in ensuring the nation is prepared for all hazards, and that the U.S. public can receive critical and vital information, should it ever be needed. The first nationwide test will be conducted Wednesday, November 9 at noon Mountain time. This test is expected to last 30 seconds

Emergency Alert System Nationwide Test

November 9, 2011
2:00 PM EST

and will be transmitted via television and radio stations within the U.S., including Alaska, Hawaii, the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Similar to local emergency alert system tests, an audio message will interrupt television and radio programming indicating: "This is a test." When the test is over, regular programming will resume. For more information about the nationwide Emergency Alert System test, please visit www.FEMA.gov and www.FCC.gov.

On November 9 at Noon MST, please remember:
Don't stress; it's only a test.

Utah ranks in top 10 states for zombie survivability

According to a tongue-in-cheek look at factors including population density, neighboring state population, air-travel destination and the per capita rate of firearms, Utah ranks 9th in the nation for zombie survivability.

And we just thought it was because our preparedness messages from Be Ready Utah have spread throughout the state.

The analysis, completed by Uptime Database, which helps businesses look for a reliable commercial datacenter, also provides data for survivability for tornadoes, hurricanes, meteors and prickly animals.

Zombies, as a mode of teaching emergency preparedness tips, has "infected" the emergency management community during 2011. The CDC launched its Zombie Preparedness website and graphic novella, resources that are available to the emergency management community at large for use on your website or in preparedness materials.

Remember, the steps to emergency preparedness are basically the same for zombie preparedness. Just fewer chainsaws.

Datacenter map
normal - lightning - tornadoes - hurricanes - zombies - meteors - prickly animals   sources: see below
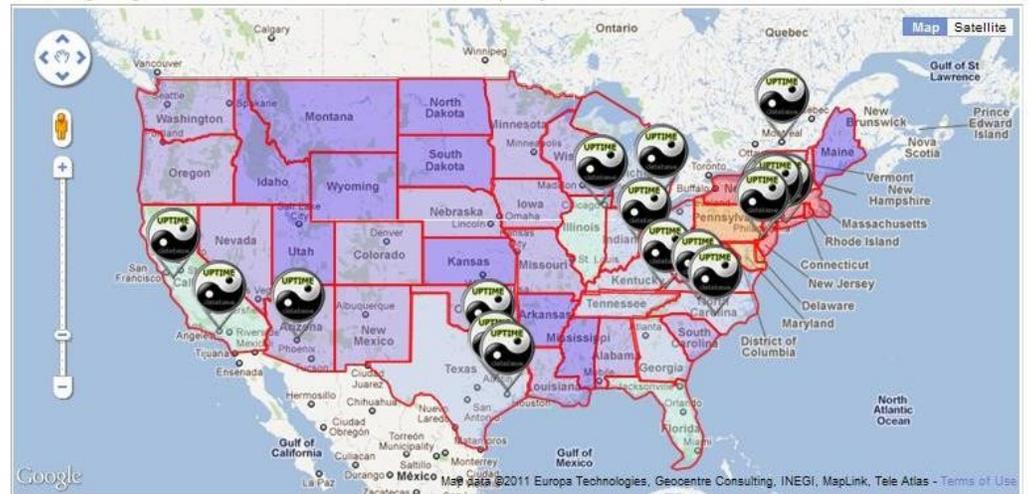
States ranked by zombie survivability

1. Alaska	11. Maine	21. South Carolina	31. Tennessee	41. Florida
2. Montana	12. Nebraska	22. Washington	32. Indiana	42. Illinois
3. Wyoming	13. Louisiana	23. Colorado	33. North Carolina	43. Maryland
4. South Dakota	14. Oklahoma	24. Nevada	34. Vermont	44. Delaware
5. Idaho	15. New Mexico	25. Missouri	35. New Hampshire	45. Pennsylvania
6. North Dakota	16. Alabama	26. Arizona	36. Georgia	46. Connecticut
7. Mississippi	17. Oregon	27. West Virginia	37. Virginia	47. New York
8. Arkansas	18. Iowa	28. Kentucky	38. Hawaii	48. Rhode Island
9. Utah	19. Minnesota	29. Texas	39. Ohio	49. New Jersey
10. Kansas	20. Wisconsin	30. Michigan	40. California	50. Massachusetts

And if you prepare now, you can be ready for anything, even zombies.

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) - *UPDATE*

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW): Date Change

The date for the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) has been moved to Feb. 22, 2012, to allow more time for each county/region to prepare. A firm date will be set within the next 30 days. In order to facilitate a more organized and efficient TEPW, we would like to ask cities and counties to gather training and exercise related information and present it to their regional training and exercise contact, which will be discussed at the TEPW. By the cities and counties working together and gathering their information, it counts as their TEPW (as required by the EMPG guidance). If you have any questions, please contact Kris Repp (krepp@utah.gov / 801-209-2070) or Ted Woolley (tedwoolley@utah.gov / 801-556-3166).

For a copy of the TEPW User's Handbook, please visit the HSEEP website:
https://hseep.dhs.gov/support/TEPW_Users_Handbook_%28V30%29.pdf

All Hazards Incident Management Team Academy - *New Dates*

Utah's All-Hazards Incident Management Team Academy

The All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Academy will be held February 6 - 10, 2012, at the Larry H. Miller Building in Sandy. There are six unit leader courses being offered this time:

- **Resource Unit Leader**
- **Supply Unit Leader**
- **Finance/Administration Unit Leader**
- **Facilities Unit Leader**
- **Communications Unit Leader**
- **Situation Unit Leader**
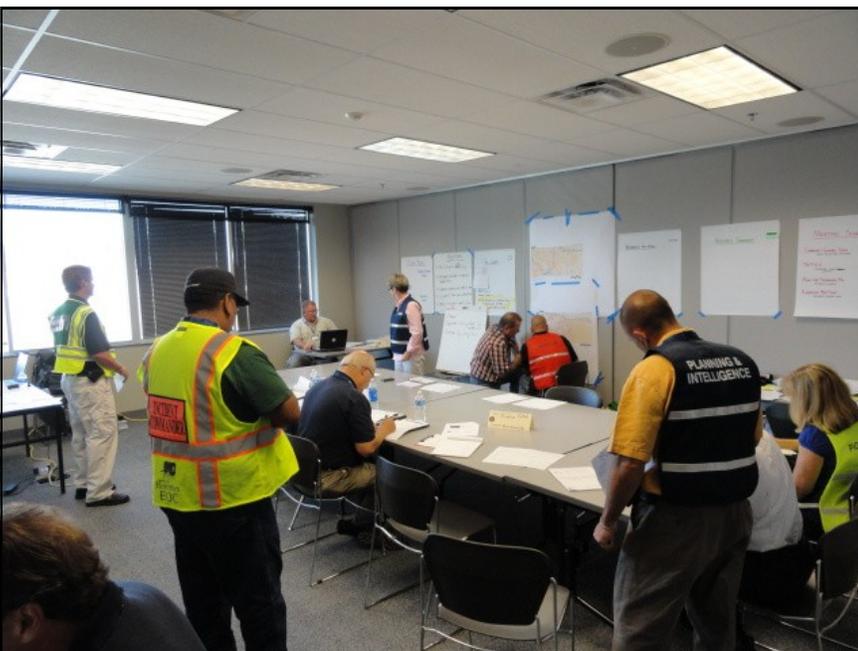
It seems to work best if you take the Unit Leader position specific class before taking the General Staff Position course that is in charge of those particular Unit Leaders. The Unit Leader class provides information that will assist you when taking the next level of training (General Staff), These courses run concurrently, so you may only register for one class at the Academy.

For more information, go to the AH-IMT web page on the DEM website: http://dem.utah.gov

Trainings— Conferences— Exercises and Meetings

*(APS): Required (+) Elective (*)*

Training		Location	Course ID
November			
1-2 G-408*	Homeland Security Planning for Local Governments	Capitol Campus	1015677
2-3 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding incidents	Pleasant Grove	1011051
8-9 G-400	ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System	Capitol Campus	1011057
14-18 COMT	All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT)	Salt Lake City	1030424
December			
13-14 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding incidents	Monticello	1011051
January 2012			
10-11 G-290*	Basic Public Information Officer	Salt Lake City	1011053
12 G-291	JIC/JIS Course for PIOs	Salt Lake City	1020466
24-25 MGT-310	Threat and Risk Assessment - local jurisdiction	Taylorsville	1029990
25-26 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding incidents	Salt Lake City	1011051

Conferences and Workshops
November

5	ARES/RACES Conference	Layton	see website

Exercises and Meetings

		Location	Contact
November			
8	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
December			
6	Utah ShakeOut 2012 - Validate Plan	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe
13	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
January 2012			
TBA	Utah Shake Out 2012 - Senior Leadership	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe
13	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey

If you have questions regarding the above exercises or meetings, please contact the event coordinator:

Bob Carey - bcarey@utah.gov   Judy Watanabe - judywatanabe@utah.gov

Register using the course ID on U-TRAIN at: https://www.utah.train.org For more training information, please visit our website at: http://emergencymanagement.utah.gov or contact Ted Woolley at tedwoolley@utah.gov

Statewide Awards and Recognition - 2011

For future publications, we are in need of the local jurisdictions' help. Please keep us informed on anyone in the emergency management field that may receive recognition or awards in emergency management or completes their Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP), Advanced Professional Series (APS) or Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) training.

- This month, we're recognizing Ron Gloshen, who retired from DEM in October, after serving 20 years in various emergency management roles.
- Also, a tip of the hat to Ty Bailey, who was recently promoted to Bureau Chief of the DEM Preparedness Bureau.

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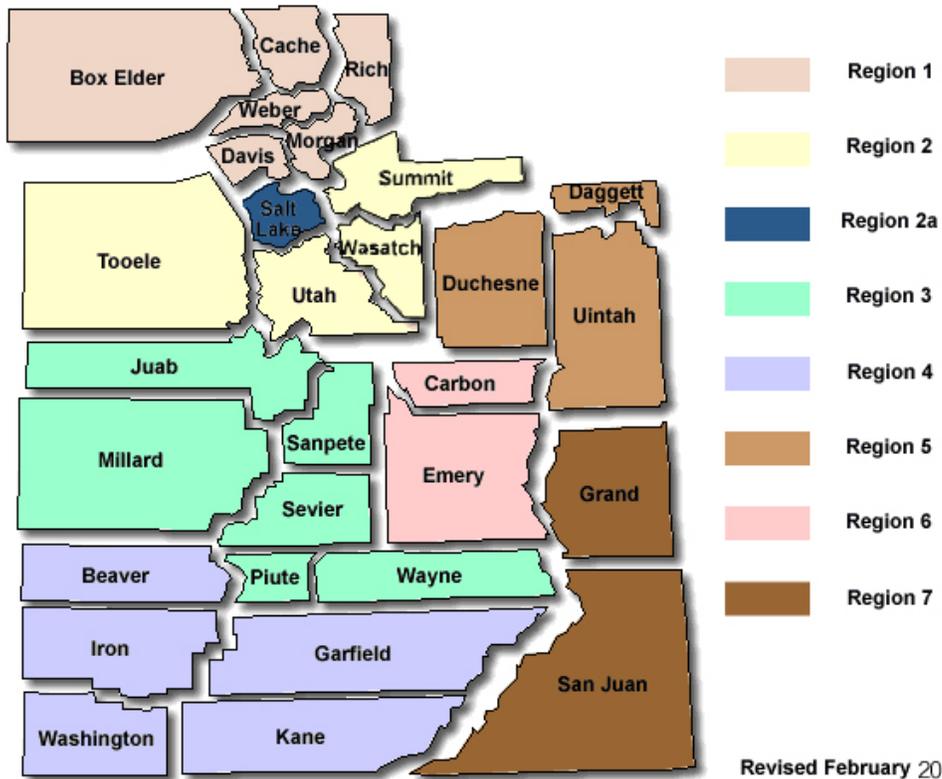
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