

**System for Award Management (SAM)**

Per 2 CFR 25.200, all federal grant applicants and recipients must register in <https://SAM.gov>. SAM is the Federal Government's System for Awards Management, and registration is free of charge. Applicants must maintain current information in SAM that is consistent with the data provided in their AFG grant application and in the Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) database. FEMA may not accept any application, process any awards, and consider any payment or amendment requests, unless the applicant or grant recipient has complied with the requirements to provide a valid DUNS number and an active SAM registration. The grant applicant's banking information, EIN, organization/entity name, address, and DUNS number must match the same information provided in SAM.

**Criteria Development Panel (CDP) Recommendations**

If there are any differences between the published AFG guidelines and the recommendations made by the CDP, FEMA must explain them and publish the information in the **Federal Register** prior to awarding any grant under the AFG Program. For FY 2018, FEMA accepted, and will implement, all of the CDP's recommendations for the prioritization of eligible activities.

**Adopted Recommendations for FY 2018**

The FY 2018 AFG NOFO contains some changes to definitions, descriptions, and priority categories. Changes to the FY 2018 AFG NOFO include:

- Under the Equipment category, FEMA has updated the reasons for equipment purchases. The new descriptions are:
  - High priority—Obtain equipment to achieve minimum operational and deployment standards for existing missions
  - High priority—Replace unusable/unrepairable equipment to meet current standard
  - High priority—Replace non-compliant equipment to current standard
  - Medium priority—Obtain equipment for new mission
  - Low priority—Upgrade technology to current standard
    - Under the PPE category, FEMA has updated the purchase reason for PPE/SCBA. The new descriptions are:
      - High priority—Replace unusable/unrepairable PPE to meet current standard
      - High priority—Increase supply for new hires and/or existing firefighters that do not have one set of turnout

gear (PPE) or allocated seated positions (SCBA)

- Medium priority—Replace non-compliant PPE equipment to current standard
  - Priority categories for Wellness and Fitness requests have been updated
  - Mass Casualty and HazMat Technician training have been updated from a Medium to High funding priority for fire department and regional training under the Training Activity.
    - Cancer Screening Programs that meet NFPA 1582 were added as a Priority 1 activity required for a Wellness and Fitness program.
    - Specialized training has been added as a medium priority, and includes training such as Crisis Intervention Training, to provide specialized training to firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical service workers, and other first responders to recognize individuals who have mental illness and how to properly intervene with individuals with mental illness, including strategies for verbal de-escalation of crises.

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**Brock Long,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4382–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]**

**California; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of California (FEMA–4382–DR), dated August 4, 2018, and related determinations.

**DATES:** This amendment was issued October 4, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of California is hereby amended to include the following area among those

areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of August 4, 2018.

Lake County for Public Assistance.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4393–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]**

**North Carolina; Amendment No. 5 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina (FEMA–4393–DR), dated September 14, 2018, and related determinations.

**DATES:** This amendment was issued October 12, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina is hereby amended to include permanent work under the Public Assistance program for those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 14, 2018.

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