

FY25 EMPG Meeting Question & Answer Session

Following the FY25 EMPG Priority Update meeting on 3/10/2026 on Teams, a Q&A session was held. This session was not recorded. This document is a summary of the session. Video of the meeting can be found here: <https://youtu.be/-RWPJL9hQg0>

Q & A

Question: Are we guaranteed to receive FY25 EMPG funds (currently on hold) or is there still a chance they might not be distributed?

Answer: The current Department of Homeland Security Shutdown is preventing FEMA staff from advancing FY25 EMPG funds. Local allocations will be distributed as soon as possible. At that time, the award letter and obligating document will be sent to DES coordinators.

Question: If my current budget only includes salary and fringe, am I able to do a budget amendment to claim other eligible expenses?

Answer: Yes, you can submit a budget amendment - You can request a budget amendment form from your Grant Coordinator. New categories can be created, and funds can be moved to allow full utilization of the award.

Question: I am a new coordinator who started mid-year. How do I update Workplan quarter narratives when I wasn't yet in that role?

Answer: Please work with your DFO to complete your Workplan updates and quarter narratives. You may need to claim expenses for the prior EM's salary/fringe as well as your own. If you need to do this, please contact your grant coordinator for assistance.

Question: The "Amplifund" grant system has merged into "Euna grants." Does the system operate the same?

Answer: Yes, the systems largely operate the same. Euna grants is purple, Amplifund was green, but these changes are cosmetic. Step-by-step instructions for tasks within the updated grant system are the same.

Question: Should we prepare our claims in Euna Grants now? Or will you tell us when it's time to submit?

Answer: No, the FY25 EMPG awards have not been activated in Euna grants.

Question: When do we apply for FY26 EMPG funds?

Answer: There has been no information released from the Federal Government to States regarding future EMPG funds (no NOFO, no webinars, nothing in FEMAGo/Grants.gov). We continue to actively monitor. We will notify and publish any information we receive. Please hold until further notice.

Discussion Points

DFO advice

- Treat work plan updates like a weekly diary: Log trainings, meetings, and activities as they happen.
- Avoid trying to reconstruct months of work at the end of the year.

Resources & Support: Online resources

The **resources tab** on the DES website is a reliable place for:

- Updated calendars
- Current-year grant information
- General guidance

Counties can check it anytime, especially outside business hours.