



Emergency Management  
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# NCEM Preparedness Grants

## UAS Projects

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# NCEM Grants Management & Compliance Programs - What Do The Numbers Tell Us?

## • Grants

- NCEM made about 1700 payments across over 20 major recurring federal and state grant programs (disaster & non-disaster) for almost \$485M during state FY21-22 (7/1/21 – 6/30/22).
- Grants Management Branch manages about \$80M - \$85M preparedness grants (non-disaster) per year across the following 10 programs: HSGP, EMPG, NSGP, HMEP, EOC, SLCGP, Tier II, NC 211, VOAD and CBCG.

## • Audits

- Approx. 20 different audits/reviews in 2021 & 2022, some of which are still ongoing, with hundreds of associated documentation requests processed.
- Not a single finding or deficiency for NCEM on any audits completed in 2021 or 2022, incl. comprehensive 2022 FEMA Desk Review with no findings or discrepancies.
- **Bottom Line:** NCEM managed approx. \$485M in grants in FY21-22 without a single negative audit finding or deficiency to date.





## NCEM UAS Projects History

- 2016 HSGP grant award to NCEM Risk Management Section
- 2019 HSGP grant award to NCEM Operations Section
- 2020 HSGP grant award to NCEM/CAP Operations Section
- 2021 HSGP local applicant approved – pending waiver





## UAS Projects with NCEM Preparedness Grants

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eligibility as a state entity or part of the domestic preparedness regions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ensure your agency can meet the eligibility criteria for the waiver approval
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ensure the project proposal description is robust with budget breakdown
- 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule steps following NCEM approvals to include waiver processing
- 5<sup>th</sup> Continue work through Period of Performance with Grant Manager





## HSGP UAS/sUAS Requirements

- Authorized Equipment List ([AEL](#))
  - [03OE-07-SUAS](#) - System, Small Unmanned Aircraft
- HSGP UAS/sUAS Request Checklist - FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) developed this checklist to serve as a tool to assist stakeholders in their preparation of UAS/sUAS requests.
  - Recipient Support Letter
  - Request Justification
  - Request Certifications
  - Policy Requirements



# Procurement Under Federal Grants

- **Federal Purchasing Thresholds**

- Micro-Purchase Threshold (MPT): up to \$10K (no competition required)
- Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT): up to \$250K (typically 3 quotes + required price/cost analysis)
- Full Competitive Bidding: over \$250K
- Sole-Source Justification: no competition required *if* sole source properly justified

- [Procurement with Federal Grant Funds – State Entities](#) – follow state procurement policy (plus certain required fed. contract clauses)

- [Procurement with Federal Grant Funds – Non-State Entities](#) – follow strictest of federal, state and local procurement policy (plus certain required fed. contract clauses)

- [Purchasing under FEMA Grant Award – Common Mistakes to Avoid](#) – sole source not justified, missing or incomplete procurement documentation, missing required price/cost analysis for SAT, etc.)



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