

## REM Updates December 4th, 2020

### Emergency Preparedness Department:

- The COG building will remain closed to the public until further notice.
- The Emergency Preparedness Program dues have been sent. Please contact Candice Forsyth [cforsyth@nctcog.org](mailto:cforsyth@nctcog.org) if you have any questions.

### HS Team:

#### • REPAC

- The next REPAC meeting is the special session for project scoring on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

#### • SHSP

- 2020 HSGP Projects
  - Projects are currently active.
- 2021 Grant Applications
  - Project submissions for FY21 open December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Grantees have until January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, to submit their project and have it signed by the Authorized Official. (Approximately 2 -3 weeks earlier than last year)
  - Working group meetings have already begun so they can discuss project applications.
- Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR)
  - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and sub-recipients of HSGP funds.
  - Recipients and sub-recipients of FY 2020 HSGP awards will be required to complete the 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR), enabling agencies to benchmark and measure the progress of improving their cybersecurity posture. The CIO, CISO, or equivalent for each recipient should complete the NCSR. If there is no CIO or CISO, the most senior cybersecurity professional should complete the assessment. The NCSR is available at no cost to the user and takes approximately 2- 3 hours to complete. The 2020 NCSR will be open for new participants from October – December 2020. For returning users, the system is open now and can be accessed at <https://grc.archer.rsa.com/>
  - To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the “Upload Files” tab in this grant record.
  - NCSR must be completed by grant recipients prior to December 31, 2020.

#### • UASI

- 2021 HSGP Projects
  - Be thinking about the projects you want to submit for your jurisdictions. We anticipate the rules will be the same as last year with a minimum of 5% of our UASI allocation to be allocated to the following 4 Investment

Justifications (IJs): Cyber Security, Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Information Sharing/Fusion, and Emerging Threats. In addition to the above 4 required IJs we also must have at least 1 project in each of the Cyber Security and Soft Target IJs dedicated to Election Security.

- Projects listed in the above 4 IJs will be scored by FEMA for effectiveness. If a project is deemed to not be effect, then FEMA may choose not to fund that project and it could result in reduced overall funding for our UASI.
- National Cyber Security Review
  - The NCSR is an **annual requirement** for recipients and subrecipients of HSGP funds.
  - The 2020 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) is now available to returning participants! If you are a State, Local, Tribal, or Territorial organization, you can utilize the NCSR to measure your cybersecurity program at no-cost. This anonymous self-assessment will be open to complete, through December 31st, 2020, and your NCSR data is available to access year-round.
  - For log-in steps, as well as password reset details, please consult the NCSR General User Guide located here: <https://www.cisecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NCSR-General-User-Guide-2020-0721-1.pdf>. Note: The password reset email may go to a spam/junk folder.
  - To document compliance, sub-recipients must upload a copy of their NCSR Completion Certification (PDF) from MS-ISAC into the "Upload.Files" tab in this grant record. The OOG will not provide any reimbursements for your HS Projects until this requirement is met.
- **Emergency Management Working Group**
  - IEM is currently working to complete the first set of handbooks for the EOC Framework.
  - The next Emergency Manager's Working Group meeting will be held virtually on December 10, 2020.
- **Public Education**
  - The next Pub Ed meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021 at 10:30 AM. This meeting will be a virtual zoom meeting. The link will be sent closer to meeting.
  - Outdoor Warning Siren Kit is complete and sent to region for use.
  - COVID-19 information added to the pandemic page.
  - Children's games from the activity book is on the website.
  - Educational materials of rack cards, brochures, and coloring books are available in Lewisville. Contact is Matt LaMunion or Thomas Quinn.
  - Guidebooks are available Dallas County. Contact is Melvin Cirilo.
  - Social Media

- Remember to follow us and use our social media accounts
    - Twitter – KnoWhat2Do - @KnoWhat2Do
    - Facebook – KnoWhat2Do
- **Interoperability**
  - The next Interop Working Group meeting is TBD.

If you are interested in receiving communications-related information, you can request to be added to the Public Safety Communications listserv ([publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org](mailto:publicsafetycomms@ep.nctcog.org))

- **Training and Exercise**

- Regional COVID-19 AAR completed
- For more information or to be added to the Training and Exercise listserv, email Alayna Payne at [apayne@nctcog.org](mailto:apayne@nctcog.org).

- **CCP**

- The CCP Exercise has been postponed to March 2021. We have been working with the vendor to restructure the exercise to be compliant with COVID protocols.

- **Mitigation**

- *Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HazMAPs):*
  - NCTCOG is anticipating funding for Ellis, Johnson, Navarro, Somervell, and Wise counties for HazMAP updates under PDM-19.
    - Received an RFI (Request For Information) for both PDM19 applications.
  - PDM-17 Erath, Hood, Hunt, Palo Pinto, and Parker counties
    - NCTCOG resubmitted HazMAPs to TDEM.
    - TDEM has forwarded one plan to FEMA to learn if there are any more changes before we send the rest.
- *North Central Texas Safe Room Rebate Program:*
  - The waitlist is closed for all counties. Closing the waitlist has helped reduce the waitlist number to 4,477 from a static 11,000.
  - The program is closing this year.
  - No additional funding is expected.

- **CASA**

- All CASA radars are functional at this time.
- Tonya Hunter (Midlothian EMC) has been approved by the CASA WX Executive Council as Co-Chair of the Council. The Emergency Preparedness department will take an appointments item to the NCTCOG Executive Board for Tonya Hunter to be approved as the new Co-Chair at the January Executive Board meeting.
- The UTA CASA radar got a very good view of the tornado as it went through Arlington on 11/24. NWS used CASA to determine that there was a tornado before going to Arlington to do the survey.

- UMASS plans to start a prototype in the spring for emergency managers to send alerts and pictures through the CASA Alerts app for weather situations such as closed roads or flooding.
- If you are interested in having a webex CASA training for your jurisdiction please contact Amanda Everly at [amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:amanda.everly@fortworthtexas.gov).