

## **FEMA Announces 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Recipients**

<http://www.resiliencechallenge.org/index.html>

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the selection of 30 recipients to receive funding under the FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge program. The program focuses on building local community resilience to man-made and natural disasters, with an emphasis on innovation, collaboration with community stakeholders, sustainability, repeatability and measurable benefits to the community.

FEMA knows that preparedness is a process that requires continued focus year-round. This year's award recipients are recognized for programs designed to continue to move community preparedness forward, and assist local areas in building and revitalizing community-based partnerships to advance the nation's resilience to disasters.

"The best resiliency ideas originate from our states and tribal nations," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "The goal of this effort is to further empower communities to collaborate and develop innovative approaches to effectively respond to disasters."

The program is being funded by The Rockefeller Foundation and administered by the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation who acted as a third-party intermediary to encourage local communities to engage in creative activities that enhance disaster resilience. Funding levels ranged to a maximum award level of \$35,000, and applications were open to most local, state, and tribal agencies and governments; business entities; associations; organizations and groups.

"We live in a time of unpredictable shocks and chronic stresses, from climate change to natural or manmade disasters, and helping local communities become more resilient to these disruptions is more important than ever. Yet we've also seen that potential solutions to meet the needs of a community are often best surfaced by those who live with the stresses, and perhaps see them from a different perspective," said Dr. Judith Rodin, president of The Rockefeller Foundation. "The Rockefeller Foundation is committed to helping people prepare for, withstand, and emerge stronger from disruptions, and is proud to support this program and the innovative efforts of local residents to build resilience in

communities across the United States.”

Over 1,900 applications were received across the country. FEMA is grateful to all applicants for their dedication and commitment to building community resilience. FEMA recognizes that a government-centric approach to disaster management is insufficient to meet the challenges posed by a catastrophic incident. To meet our nation’s preparedness goals, the whole community must be actively involved in all phases of the preparedness, response, and recovery cycle. These awards are designed to invest in and enhance the whole community effort.

As we applaud the award winners, we also encourage all applicants to remain vigilant in their commitment to their programs and supporting community resilience.

The following is a list of the FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge award recipients:

#### FEMA Region 1

Collaborating for Cape Cods Coastal Resiliency

Waquoit Bay Reserve Foundation - Waquoit, MA

Regional Flooding Risk Assessment and Community Rating System Feasibility Study

Greater Bridgeport Regional Council - Bridgeport, CT

#### FEMA Region 2

Call 2 Action Campaign

Rockaway Waterfront Alliance - Far Rockaway, NY

Comprehensive Community Needs Follow Up and Outreach

Schoharie Area Long Term, Inc. - Schoharie, NY

Farm Disaster Preparation Certificate

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County - Canandaigua, NY

Lake George Water Quality Awareness Committees for Community Resilience

The Fund for Lake George - Lake George, NY

#### FEMA Region 3

Community Resilience Following a Nuclear Detonation in Washington DC

Community Emergency Response Network (CERN) - Laurel, MD

Community Resilience through Maximizing Local Supply Chain Capacity

Arlington Office of Emergency Management - Arlington, VA

Dynamic Decision Support for Managing Regional Resources

Center for Disaster Management, University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA

FEMA Region 4

Purchase of Garden Area and Cannery

Harvest of the Heart Garden, Inc. – Madison, GA

A Network of Emergency Power in Seymour

Volunteer Fire Department of Seymour – Seymour, TN

FEMA Region 5

Countywide Faith Based Community Response

Williamson County Emergency Management Agency – Marion, IL

Trenton-Kids-to-the-Rescue

Trenton Police/Emergency Management Service – Trenton, IN

Comprehensive Community Emergency Notification Plan

Indiana Emergency Notification Committee – City of Monticello, IN

Disaster Preparedness: Surviving Disasters Despite Communication Barriers and Breakdowns Wisconsin

Association of the Deaf – Delavan, WI

FEMA Region 6

Safe Harbor Master Plan for Vermillion Bay, Louisiana

Louisiana Sea Grant – Baton Rouge, LA

Greater New Orleans Resiliency Resource Guide

Greater New Orleans Development Foundation – New Orleans, LA

FEMA Region 7

Salvation Army Communications Vehicle

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network – Kansas City, MO

Risk Watch Program

Tama County Emergency Management Agency – Toledo, IA

Services Expansion

Delaware County Disaster Recovery Committee – Manchester, IA

Faith Based Planning and Preparedness Initiative

St. Charles County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (SCCCOAD) for Sts. Joachim and Ann Care

Service – St. Charles, MO

#### FEMA Region 8

Lightning Location and Analysis System

Crystal Park Homeowners Association – Manitou Springs, CO

Situation Awareness Environment and Knowledge Exchange Portal

Western Cyber Exchange, Rocky Mountain WCX) – Colorado Springs, CO

Teton County Emergency Response Support Team

Teton County – Choteau, MT

#### FEMA Region 9

Special Needs Population and Home Bound patients Registry

American Samoa Department of Health – Pago Pago, American Samoa

Roadmap to Preparedness

United Policyholders – San Francisco, CA

Tribal Emergency Response Crossing Borders Coordination Project

Smith River Rancheria – Smith River, CA

Hawaii Emergency Preparedness System of Support (HiPSS)

University of Hawaii, Office of Research Services – Honolulu, HI

#### FEMA Region 10

Radio in a Box

KRBD Community Radio – Rainbird Community Broadcast – Ketchikan, AK

Emergency Hubs at P-Patch Community Gardens

Seattle Office of Emergency Management – Seattle, WA

Additional information on the Challenge program and a detailed summary of each recipient's project can be found at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.ResilienceChallenge.org](http://www.ResilienceChallenge.org).

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#### About FEMA:

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from,

and mitigate all hazards.

About The Rockefeller Foundation:

The Rockefeller Foundation aims to achieve equitable growth by expanding opportunity for more people in more places worldwide, and to build resilience by helping them prepare for, withstand, and emerge stronger from acute shocks and chronic stresses. Throughout its 100 year history, The Rockefeller Foundation has enhanced the impact of innovative thinkers and actors working to change the world by providing the resources, networks, convening power, and technologies to move them from idea to impact. In today's dynamic and interconnected world, The Rockefeller Foundation has a unique ability to address the emerging challenges facing humankind through innovation, intervention and influence in order to shape agendas and inform decision-making. Please visit [www.rockefellerfoundation.org](http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org) for more information.

About LAEPF:

The Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation LAEPF) is a 501 C)3) non-profit organization focused on community stakeholder collaboration and emergency preparedness. LAEPF works to create partnerships, identify resources and implement programs addressing the challenges of man-made and natural disasters. LAEPF supports the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Division on a variety of programs including the coordination of activities in the Business Operations Center BOC) with participation from business, government, academic, faith based, and non-profit sectors. LAEPF is committed to building community resilience and very pleased to be supporting the application, selection, and implementation process for the FEMA 2012 Community Resilience Innovation Program. LAEPF congratulates the program winners and all applicants on their dedication to community resilience.  
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Click here to view the FEMA's Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Program May 2013 Award Summary Paper, includes a description of the Awardee projects