

TSGP Q&A Summary
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Questions and Answers:

Q1: Do we know if the Secretary might exercise her ability to waive the cap of 10%?

A: That is an option but it would only be exercised after Appropriations are passed. The Secretary is aware of the 10% Operational Cost issue. It is more of a request to Congress. The Secretary would inform Congress of the need to waive the 10% cap. In order for that to be a possibility we would still run the TSGP as appropriated in order to see the requests for operational projects. We would need to know the level of requests in order to justify waiving the cap.

Q2: FEMA mentioned that once Appropriations are passed that the guidance would be issued quickly. Is it ready to go right after Appropriations are passed?

A: We have been working on preparing the Guidance Kits in order for them to be ready to go. We want to have them ready whether we have a budget or another CR. Once we have Appropriations, we expect to have the TSGP Grant Guidance issued within days. Prior to being issued the TSGP Grant Guidance will need to be cleared by the Secretary and OMB. We have been working on this process for months. The application period may also be reduced to a 30 day timeframe versus the 45 business day timeframe everyone is used to. This is not final, however it has been discussed. We are trying to take the burden off applicants but must make sure we can do all of the review, approval, and award processing by September 30th, 2011.

Q3: We do face challenges between the release of the TSGP Grant Guidance and the submittal deadline. Will the guidance replicate those from the past or will there be new guidelines?

A: At this time, since we do not know what the FY 2011 TSGP amount will be, we do not know what the program will look like, as a \$100M program will likely look different from a \$300M program. However, we are looking at the same allowable project types as we have had in the past, but possibly with less money to work with.