



December 12, 2019

To: San Joaquin County Agencies/Departments
Incorporated Cities
Special Districts

Subject: Call for Submissions for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Program Funding

The State of California recently awarded San Joaquin County one-time funding to use towards mitigating the impact of utilities use of PSPS on public health, safety, and commerce in our County. The funding is particularly intended to protect public safety, vulnerable populations and individuals, and to improve resiliency in response to utility-led PSPS action. The funding is available to support equipment purchases and to improve local preparedness and response to PSPS events.

As a condition of receiving the funding, San Joaquin County is required to collaborate with cities within the County to support critical infrastructure and resiliency county-wide, with a particular focus on public safety, vulnerable communities, and individuals with access and functional needs.

Eligible use of Grant funds includes:

- One-time costs to secure equipment, such as generators and/or generator connections, fuel storage, and other backup energy sources for essential facilities, such as fire stations, community centers, health facilities, and other facilities that are critical to communities' function during one of these interruptions.
- One-time costs associated with identifying and equipping resource centers for the public to access during electric disruptions.
- Backup emergency communications equipment, such as battery powered radios.
- Public education materials or supplies focused on individual/family preparedness for electric (PSPS) disruptions.
- Development/update of contingency plans for electrical disruptions that include considerations such as protecting individuals with access and functional needs, medical baseline and socially vulnerable populations, transportation, emergency public information, and preservation of essential functions.
- Development/update of government Continuity of Operations plans.
- Risk assessments for critical infrastructure and lifelines.
- Post-event reports that identify lessons learned to inform continual improvements.

Non-eligible costs include response costs associated with electric disruption events including Emergency Operations Center staffing, security, law/fire response, other overtime charges, etc.

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The performance period for projects is July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2022. The starting date encompassed previous PSPS event dates, to allow eligible expenses to be considered for reimbursement.

County Agencies/Departments, Cities, Special Districts or other entities within San Joaquin County are invited to provide submissions for use of these grant funds using the attached Resiliency Grant Request Form. Completed forms and pertinent attachments should be returned by email to the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services (OES), at sjcoes@sjgov.org by **January 31, 2020**. Questions may be directed to Shellie Lima at 209-953-6200.

All completed requests will be evaluated and prioritized by a panel derived of members from San Joaquin County Stakeholder policy level staff.