

Regional Emergency Support Function 16 – Volunteer and Donations Management

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RESF 16 – Volunteer and Donations Management Working Group Funding Request

The current level of funding is \$2.1M over two years. The working group would like to maintain said funding to continue and increase the level of public outreach, volunteer recruitment and management, and pertinent exercising in the National Capital Region. The working group will request future sustainment funding beyond the FY10 cycle.

RESF 16 – Volunteer and Donations Management Sustainment Requests

The Volunteer and Donations Management working group has been involved in and/or organized several regional exercises and taken part in several events. Following the most recent Spontaneous Volunteer Reception Center Exercise and the 2009 Inauguration, the AARs called for increased sustainment of the following efforts:

- General public outreach
- Volunteer recruitment and training (leading to a more robust affiliated volunteer population)
- Regular exercises for: (1) volunteers deployed during an emergency and (2) the testing of RESF 16 plans

RESF 16 programs have also been active in exercises serving First Responder agencies in their respective jurisdictions.

AARs from said exercises have indicated similar sustainment and improvement recommendations mentioned above.

Affiliated volunteers managed by the RESF programs have assisted jurisdictional agencies, including but not limited to:

- Department of Health (Points Of Distribution)
- Department of Health and Human Services (Mass Care, Sheltering)
- Emergency Management (Incident Command)
- Department of Transportation (Evacuation)

RESF 16 – Volunteer and Donations Management Funding Justification

The RESF 16 programs are heavily engrained into the preparedness for, response of, and recovery from emergencies and disasters. The national Citizen Corps program provides an umbrella structure for the following training-based subprograms: CERT, Fire Corps, USA on Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, and Volunteers in Police Service. In addition to these programs, the National Capital Region Citizen Corps programs additionally leverage the local volunteer centers, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), and the faith-based community to offer training and volunteer opportunities to engage families, businesses, and communities in preparedness.

The following are a snap shot of accomplishments that the ESF 16 programs over the last 18 months. Additional funding is necessary in order to continue and build upon this progress.

- RESF 16 has engaged **39,852 volunteers** in events, trainings, and activations
- RESF 16 volunteers have performed **480,918 hours of work** toward preparedness activities, response, and recovery
- A **revenue of \$9,738,598.50** has been generated for the NCR through volunteer hours (*Note. The estimated dollar value of volunteer time is \$20.25 per hour, as determined by independentsector.org)
- There has been RESF 16 representation at **516 outreach fairs**
- RESF 16 programs have hosted and/or been involved with **448 preparedness events**
- RESF 16 affiliated volunteers have been a part of **36 emergencies**
- RESF 16 – Volunteer and Donations Management is written into a total of **44 emergency plans**. This is in addition to shared volunteer mobilization plans.