

**NYC** Emergency  
Management  
**COMMUNITY  
PREPAREDNESS**

NEWSLETTER

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, 2/7/25**

Do you know a community or faith leader in NYC paving the way on how communities can better prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies? NYC Emergency Management would love for them to speak at our 13th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium!



**CALL FOR  
PRESENTERS**

13th Annual Community  
Preparedness Symposium  
**Lead the Way and Prepare Today**

**Deadline Extended!**  
**Apply by Friday, 2/7/25**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPSYMPIUM25>



Questions? Email:  
 [communityprep@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:communityprep@oem.nyc.gov)



We are seeking engaging speakers who can discuss how communities can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. Our goal is to bring together diverse voices and find intersections among different sectors or topics during emergencies.

The 2025 Community Preparedness Symposium will take place on April 2, 2025, at Baruch Vertical Campus, New York, NY. We are expecting over 200

community leaders from NYC and the region to attend the event.

Apply here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPSYMPOSIUM25>

## Dates to Remember

- **Proposal Submissions Accepted starting:** January 10, 2025
- **Proposal Submission Deadline **Extended to:**** February 7, 2025
- **13th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium:** April 2, 2025

Questions? Contact the team via [Communityprep@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:Communityprep@oem.nyc.gov)

## COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP



## SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

**Medgar Evers College**

Founders Auditorium

1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

### Date

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 5:30PM

Want additional information, please contact:

Ed Powell: (917) 682 - 4754



**Register and confirm your attendance plus get an entry to the Go Bag raffle via [https://bit.ly/NYCEM\\_CommunitySafety](https://bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunitySafety)**

**\*MUST BE PRESENT AT EVENT TO PARTICIPATE IN GO BAG RAFFLE\***

✓ Emergency Prep & Safety Tips

✓ Fire Prevention Planning

✓ Network with other Faith Leaders

✓ Active Shooter Training

✓ Communication Planning

✓ Life-saving techniques like CPR

Join us for an engaging and informative community safety event! Doors open at 5:30 PM for an hour of networking and access to resource tables featuring the NYPD, FDNY, NYC Emergency Management and more. The event kicks off at 6:30 PM with speakers covering critical topics such as life-saving techniques, fire prevention & extinguishing methods, flood prevention strategies and the key steps to organizing your safety plan. Participation in this



event will give you a chance to win a **Go Bag!**

[Click here to register!](#)

## THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ACROSS THREE DIFFERENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

The program is aimed at sparking change and improving quality of life for people of all ages in communities nationwide.

This year, AARP has added the capacity-building microgrant category of implementing Disaster Preparedness Training programs and resources for residents. SBP is proud to serve as the technical advisor for this category, offering additional resources for grantees, including webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching.

**Applications are due by March 5, 2025, 5 p.m. ET | 2 p.m. PT, and all projects must be completed by December 15, 2025.**

[To read more, click here.](#)

## VOLUNTEER ENGLISH CLASS FACILTATOR FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The NYC Mayor's Office of Asylum Seeker Operations (OASO) seeks motivated volunteers to expand our ability to provide in-person English classes for asylum seekers in shelter. Volunteers will use the We Speak NYC curriculum— New York City's free English language learning program that provides civic focused multimedia resources created to empower adult immigrants through learning and practicing everyday English. The curriculum includes an Emmy-Award winning educational drama series that informs learners about important New York City resources. The episodes address issues that most concern immigrants and asylum seekers such as health care, democracy, education, immigration legal help, elder care, and managing finances. **Previous teaching experience is welcomed but not required!**

[To learn more on how to apply, click here.](#)

## 2025 COMMUNITY FLOOD FELLOWSHIP JAMAICA BAY NEIGHBORHOODS

# Jamaica Bay Community Flood Fellowship Program

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New York Sea Grant and the Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay are excited to announce the **2025 Jamaica Bay Community Flood Fellowship (CF2)**, a training and networking program to help build coastal resilience in neighborhoods around Jamaica Bay. CF2 identifies Jamaica Bay residents as experts in their own communities and leverages this to cultivate opportunities for skill-building in community-based coastal flood resilience.

*Jamaica Bay neighborhoods include the Rockaway peninsula, Broad Channel, Hamilton and Howard Beach, Lindenwood, Mill Basin, Canarsie, East New York, Bergen Beach, Gerritsen Beach, Inwood, Woodmere, Rosedale, Brookville, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach.*

[Visit this page for more information.](#)

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## THE WEATHER-READY NATION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

# Be a Force of Nature

## Help Build a Weather-Ready Nation



Do you know what to do in a severe-weather emergency? Each year, people in this country are killed or seriously injured by all types of extreme weather, despite advance warning.

### NOAA's Weather-Ready Nation

(WRN) initiative is about helping our nation become more resilient to increasing extreme weather, water and climate events. NOAA is working to keep these threats from becoming disasters with greater accuracy in forecasts and warnings, evolving services to community decision makers, and better ways to communicate risk to stakeholders and the public.

As part of the WRN initiative, NOAA partners with emergency management officials, businesses, and the media to motivate individuals and communities to prepare for a potential weather disaster. These actions can save lives – at home, in schools, and in the workplace – and help our nation better withstand extreme weather threats.



**By becoming a WRN Ambassador, your organization can serve a pivotal role in affecting societal change by:**

- Promoting Weather-Ready Nation messages
- Collaborating with NOAA
- Sharing your success stories
- Serving as an example

### What Does a Weather-Ready Nation Look Like?

A Weather-Ready Nation takes well-informed communities, businesses, and individuals that are ready, responsive, and resilient to extreme events. Key actions include:

- Know your risk by discovering the weather risks where you live and closely following National Weather Service forecasts and warnings.
- Take action by creating a family emergency plan and kit and making sure you can receive emergency messages (e.g., NOAA Weather Radio, wireless emergency alerts).
- Be an example by using social media responsibly to share important hazard information from trusted sources.



### How Your Organization Can Help Build a Weather-Ready Nation

Building a WRN requires the participation and commitment of a vast nationwide network of "Ambassadors" – organizations contributing in the best ways they can:

- Broadcasters advocating preparedness on-air.
- Schools and universities teaching about the risks associated with severe weather and resiliency best practices.
- Companies within the weather enterprise building the technological infrastructure for weather information and alerts.

WRN Ambassadors are change agents and leaders of their communities. You will inspire others to be better informed and prepared – helping to minimize or even avoid the impacts of natural disasters. We can all contribute to a better informed and prepared public, smarter business and community planning, and more resilient infrastructure.



National Weather Service

[www.weather.gov/wrn](http://www.weather.gov/wrn)

Visit this page for more information.

## APPLICATION NOW OPEN TO JOIN FEMA'S YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL!

Do you know a young leader who is passionate about disaster preparedness and community resilience? Encourage them to join FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

The YPC is a nationwide program that brings together young leaders who want to make a difference in their community and build valuable leadership skills. Council members serve for one year and collaborate on projects that promote



emergency preparedness, participate in engaging discussions with FEMA leaders, and gain insight into careers in emergency management. Students currently in grades 8 through 11 may apply. Applications can be submitted in either written or video format by March 3 on [FEMA's YPC application page](#).

**Mark your calendars!** FEMA will conduct two informational webinars to provide additional details about the YPC and answer questions. Both webinars will cover the same content.

- Thursday, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. ET. Register in advance [on Zoom for government](#).
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. ET. Register in advance [on Zoom for government](#).

To learn more about the YPC, please visit the [Youth Preparedness Council page on FEMA.gov](#)

## GENERAL INFO AND UPCOMING EVENTS



### Preparedness and Resilience WEBINAR Series



#### Responding to the Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs Community

Wednesday February 5, 2025 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Please join FEMA Region 2 in partnership with the National CERT Association (NCA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for a webinar discussion about Responding to the Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs Community.

During this presentation, attendees will learn about how New Jersey has embraced the whole community philosophy by engaging people with disabilities and access and functional needs (DAFN) in its CERT program. By starting at the municipal level, these CERTs help improve and enhance emergency preparedness and response efforts—from helping individuals with DAFN create personal preparedness plans to ensuring accessibility is restored following disasters. Strategies on how to best involve and serve individuals with DAFN in relation to the CERT program in other States will be discussed.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/dafn/event/registration.html>

### Extreme Winter Weather Preparedness

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET



Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar featuring FEMA Liaisons to the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) and National Water Center (NWC).

This presentation offers a comprehensive overview of winter-related hazards and their associated impacts, including but not limited to:

- observed and forecast snow
- snowmelt and rain-on-snow
- freezing rain and ice accumulation
- extreme cold temperature and wind chill
- river ice and ice jam formation
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The session will also describe National Weather Service (NWS) winter-related products, providing attendees with valuable tools and insights to enhance operational preparedness and response during winter-related incidents.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/winterweather/event/registration.html>



**FEMA**

## **BRIC FY24 Funding Application Tips and Review**

**Friday, February 14, 2025 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET**

Join the Region 2 National Preparedness and Mitigation Divisions for an informative webinar featuring FEMA SMEs on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program.

Our Mitigation Resilience specialists will discuss the FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The NOFO includes \$750 million in funding for capacity building and infrastructure projects for natural hazard risk mitigation activities. The program aims to support communities as they build capability and capacity. BRIC also encourages and aids innovation. It helps partnerships grow; supports infrastructure projects; and fosters flexibility and consistency. Learn how to apply for and develop sub applications for BRIC. The webinar will review program eligibility, scoring criteria, and how to avoid requests for information for submitted projects.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/bricfy24/event/registration.html>

**WE ARE HIRING!**  
**JOIN THE NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM**





**New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is responsible for coordinating citywide emergency planning and response for all types and scales of emergencies. It is staffed by more than 200 dedicated professionals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, including individuals assigned from other City agencies.**

**Our Mission:** NYC Emergency Management helps New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response.

**Our Jobs:** NYC Emergency Management has a variety of vacancies within multiple bureaus across the agency – the jobs summaries below are grouped by bureau. For the full job description, go to [nyc.gov/jobs](https://nyc.gov/jobs) and search by the Job IDs listed below, or scan the QR code to be taken the NYCEM Careers site to learn more.

Come work with us! Reach out to us at [jobs@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:jobs@oem.nyc.gov)

### **BUREAU: External Affairs**

The External Affairs bureau works to engage with New Yorkers, elected officials, community organizations, private businesses and regional partners to inform them about the agency's and the City's efforts before, during, and after an emergency. Its units include Public Information (Press and Communications), Government Relations, and Strategic Partnerships.

#### **Senior Press Officer, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 696696**

Join the New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) team as a Senior Press Officer in our External Affairs bureau's Press unit. In this high-impact role, you'll help secure New York City's resilience by delivering key information and executing strategic communication plans. You'll be involved in daily press operations and act swiftly during emergency incidents. As a vital link to the public, stakeholders, and media, you'll convey complex emergency issues clearly and consistently. In your role, you'll be instrumental in shaping and executing our agency's public information strategy, ensuring its alignment with our broader vision. You'll also manage various press portfolios, concentrating on establishing solid relationships with local media to achieve a unified communication strategy.

#### **Social Media Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 695125**

This dynamic role focuses on creating the planning, management and creation of compelling social media content that conveys the vital work of NYCEM, fostering awareness, education, and engagement. Reporting to the Deputy Director of Communications, the specialist will employ their unique skills in storytelling, digital media production, and editing to help convey NYCEM's mission and initiatives to the public. Working in tandem with the agency's press team, the specialist will provide indispensable assistance with media related tasks. Community engagement is a significant aspect of this role; consequently, the successful candidate will deliver presentations on emergency preparedness to external groups as part of the Ready NY initiative. In line with the multifaceted nature of this position, the specialist may also undertake special projects as assigned, contributing to the broader goals and initiatives of the NYCEM.

### **BUREAU: Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

NYCEM's Finance Office is responsible for the oversight, management, accounting, and reporting of all agency funds, as well as the procurement planning, development,



implementation, and management of all agency contracts.

**Executive Director, Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO), \$127,742 - \$135,561 – Job ID# 689266**

The Procurement Unit is responsible for providing management, oversight, review, and support of all procurement functions at NYCEM. NYCEM procurements are governed by the City Charter and the City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. The Executive Director, Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO), is responsible for providing technical and programmatic guidance to agency staff on the City's procurement and contracting processes.

**Finance Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 688727**

The Finance Specialist will work as part of the Finance Unit under the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and will be expected to support all related division activities. Under the direction of the Deputy Director of Finance, the Finance Specialist will administer grant funds and monitor spending for various bureaus and divisions within NYC Emergency Management.

**Financial Recovery and Compliance Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 688725**

The Financial Recovery and Compliance Specialist will assist with overseeing agency wide assessment activities to improve the internal control environment. The Specialist will also foster greater compliance with rules and regulations. The Specialist will also assist with regulating disallowances to ensure that monies are used for the intended purpose.

**BUREAU: Office of the Chief Counsel**

The Office of the Chief Counsel provides legal advice to NYCEM executives and staff regarding critical, strategic, legal and policy issues facing the agency, engages in transactional work in support of the NYCEM mission and coordinates with the NYC Law Department, Office of the Counsel to the Mayor, and other local, state and federal counsels regarding various legal issues ranging from emergency events to litigation, which impact the agency. The Office of Chief Counsel is comprised of the Legal Affairs Unit, Disability, Access, and Functional Needs (DAFN) Legal Unit, and the Records Management Unit.

**Program Manager, Records, \$76,385 - \$76,385 – Job ID# 645543**

The Records Management unit is looking for a Records Program Manager who will work under the directions of the Chief Counsel and the Deputy Director, Records. The Program Manager will assist with maintaining and managing the agency's electronic and physical records. This includes any day-to-day responsibilities and creating and implementing policies around agency records. The Program Manager will work with staff to ensure that all records are in compliance according to City policies and procedures.

**Legal – College Aide (1L/2L), \$16.50 – \$19.00 Job ID# 684544**

The Legal Affairs Unit is tasked with reviewing FOIL requests, collecting responsive records, making the determination as to whether to withhold or redact those records pursuant to one of the exemptions in New York Public Officers Law Section 87, and redacting the records as necessary. Interns will be asked to perform this last step – redacting Personally Identifiable Information (PII) from a variety of records in preparation for disclosure. The Legal Affairs Unit is also tasked with summarizing New York City and

New York State Executive Orders and uploading these summaries to the New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) Legal Affairs Unit section on the agency's intranet page. New York City and New York State Executive Orders are summarized within a spreadsheet and updated on an ongoing basis as new orders are issued. As part of this function, the intern will manage the posting of executive orders and Interagency MOUs and Settlements. Lastly, the intern will support the Legal Unit in day-to-day activities such as legal research, responding to correspondence and legal issue spotting. Interns will be expected to attend meetings with Legal Unit staff and interface with other NYCEM units and divisions.

### **BUREAU: Planning and Resilience**

The Planning and Resilience Bureau's mission is to prepare the city to respond and adapt to emergencies through collaborative, scalable planning, comprehensive interagency coordination, and innovative recovery and Resiliency. The bureau includes Interagency Coordination with an assistant commissioner leading three units made up of subject matter experts in Health and Medical, Human Services, Critical Infrastructure, Resiliency and Recovery with an assistant commissioner leading the Mitigation and Risk Analysis and Recovery units; and the Planning Unit.

### **Resiliency Grants Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428– Job ID# 695155**

NYC Emergency Management seeks a candidate responsible for supporting and coordinating mitigation efforts to reduce risk of climate change and extreme weather hazards, and increase resiliency of NYC communities, infrastructure, and facilities. This includes supporting coordination of scoping projects for the City's applications for hazard mitigation funds, such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community (BRIC) grants; supporting implementation of the City's hazard mitigation grant awards and coordinating with implementing agencies on meeting federal grant and other requirements throughout the project lifecycle.

### **Community Resiliency Planner \$68,428 - \$68,428– Job ID# 683079**

With latitude for independent initiative and judgment, NYC Emergency Management seeks a candidate responsible for supporting and coordinating community resiliency planning, which includes helping communities build an understanding of community risks and their appropriate mitigation actions, as well raising awareness of recovery actions.

### **Deputy Director, Planning, \$91,237 - \$97,919– Job ID# 695153**

NYCEM is seeking a seasoned candidate with experience in project management, emergency planning, and strategic planning for the Deputy Director of Planning position. Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Deputy Director of Planning will work with staff and colleagues across the agency to oversee activities related to citywide emergency planning, including the planning process and management of planning portfolios. The Deputy Director is expected to lead, support, and track major emergency planning initiatives; facilitate intraand interagency coordination and communication; define and promote standards and implements quality assurance to produce high-quality, actionable, and user-friendly documents; and support strategic planning and initiatives. Additionally, the Deputy Director will directly manage all Program Managers within the team.

### **BUREAU: Readiness**

The Readiness Bureau prepares the City for emergencies through a continuous cycle of planning, learning, and exercising, using a collaborative and forward-thinking approach.



The overall goal of the NYCEM Learning and Development Unit is to create a highly skilled emergency management community by offering the best training possible, build true leaders who can prepare for and respond to any type of emergency situation, and coordinate effectively with internal and external partners.

**Deputy Director, EOC, \$91,237 - \$97,919 – Job ID# 695145**

The Deputy Director, EOC is responsible for maintaining NYCEM's constant state of readiness for EOC activations. This includes creating activation-focused policies, procedures, and guidance materials, and leading EOC readiness activities for NYCEM and partner staff. The Deputy Director, EOC will routinely liaise with NYCEM, partner agency, and vendor stakeholders to build sustainable staff capacity for EOC activations, expand skill-building opportunities for NYCEM and partner agency EOC staff, identify improvements to EOC processes and systems, and serve as primary point-of-contact for EOC policies and procedures.

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Please note: All NYCEM employees are expected to work Non-Traditional hours to meet the program needs including evenings and weekends. NYCEM employees are assigned to a rotating Emergency Operations Center team and will be expected to work non-business hours during emergencies. The selected candidate will also participate in drills and exercises, assist with Ready NY presentations to external groups, and will undertake special projects as assigned.

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**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community**

**Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**

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