

**READY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD**



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OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
*2025 APPLICATIONS OPEN!*

Does your school lead the way in  
preparedness?

Do you have training, clubs, or other  
initiatives to help prepare for  
emergencies?



**Nominate your school!**  
[on.nyc.gov/RSOTY25](https://on.nyc.gov/RSOTY25)

**Apply by April 15!**



All New York City public schools are eligible to apply for a chance to showcase how their school leads the way in preparedness. The winning school will be able to collaborate with NYC Emergency Management on showcasing their commitment to emergency preparedness and community resilience through an award ceremony. Application deadline is April 15th.

Click here to apply!

## NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY CONTEST

**READY**  
NEW YORK



### CONTEST ALERT: COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY

To apply, visit  
[on.nyc.gov/2025cfad](https://on.nyc.gov/2025cfad)

**April 20:** All entries due by 11:59 pm  
**April 30:** Winner Announced by 12 pm  
**May 14:** Award Ceremony



All New York City high school students are invited to participate in the annual NYC Emergency Management “Commissioner for a Day” essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the application attached below. NYC Emergency Management Commissioner, Zach Iscol, will select the winner who will be invited to NYC Emergency Management headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award Ceremony and take part in the John D. Solomon Fellowship Graduation event.

**Eligibility:** The essay contest is open to all New York City high school students enrolled in grades 9-12 and attending schools located within the five boroughs of New York City.

**Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by April 20, 2025. All entries must be emailed to [readyny@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:readyny@oem.nyc.gov) with the subject line "Commissioner for a Day Essay Contest."

[Click here for more information!](#)

# FLOOD SENSOR AUNTY'S FIVE BOROUGH TOUR



WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY  
SABINA SETHI UNNI

APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

# FLOOD SENSOR AUNTY

Co-written and performed by Ray Achan, Spoorti Hegde, Isa Nicdao, Val Ramirez & Alex Scelso • Community organizing and devising by Jess Balgobin, Sara Bruno, Jango Mahmud, Mehrnaz Tiv & Sara Drepaul • Sound design: Bryan Lenz & Sriram Iyer • Free tea from Miles Kirsch and the Tea Stand

- 10<sup>TH</sup> @ Fordham University
  - 19<sup>TH</sup> @ Snug Harbor
  - 20<sup>TH</sup> @ Travers Park
  - 23<sup>RD</sup> @ Queens College
  - 26<sup>TH</sup> @ Domino Square
  - 27<sup>TH</sup> @ Orchard Alley Community Garden
- RSVP: [www.floodsensoraunty.com](http://www.floodsensoraunty.com)



Join NYCEM and other partners for Flood Sensor Aunty's free performances during April. This family friendly play about

a flood sensor working at her aunt's chai shop combines theater with community disaster prevention. Check out their [Instagram reel](#) from last year.

[Click here to register!](#)

## THE 13TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM - LEAD THE WAY, PREPARE TODAY



***On Wednesday, April 2nd, NYC Emergency Management's Community Engagement Bureau held its 13th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium, showcasing the incredible work of our partners and networks in strengthening emergency readiness across the city.***

***Thank you to everyone who helped make our Symposium a resounding success, selling out in under a week!***



***We are proud to highlight some of our amazing Strengthening Communities partners representing more than 20 networks and coalitions.***



***Collaboration is key to preparedness, and the Symposium brings together a network of resources to community groups, organizations, and government agencies that help streamline the planning, preparing, responding, and the recovery phases before, during, and after an emergency.***



**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WELCOMES  
38 NEW MEMBERS TO NEW YORK CITY'S  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
(CERT)**

***New graduates are joining 24 divisions of credentialed volunteers to help their communities during emergencies***



The New York City Emergency Management Department (NYCEM) welcomed 38 new Community Emergency Response Team (NYC CERT) volunteers to its program during a graduation ceremony on Monday, April 7 at NYCEM headquarters. The NYC CERT basic training cycle includes 11 sessions that focus on disaster preparedness and emergency response, equipping volunteers with skills in basic fire safety, search and rescue, traffic management, and first aid and triage. NYC Emergency Management offered the training program with instructors from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Auxiliary Unit.

“Community Emergency Response Teams are vital when New York City is impacted by disasters,” said **New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “Every year New Yorkers from diverse backgrounds commit to become CERT volunteers who are an integral part of the City’s emergency response. From responding to the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade to helping New Yorkers during heat emergencies to preparing their community for potential flooding, CERT members are there to answer the call. We congratulate the 38 graduates, their dedication to their communities strengthens the city’s resilience and we look forward to the great work they will do.”

During the graduation, 39 CERT members received 2025 Presidential Service awards for serving over 100 volunteer hours each at community events and deployments last year. The awards were presented by NYC Emergency Management Deputy Commissioner for Community Engagement, Herman Schaffer.

“NYC CERT members are committed to supporting our city during

emergency events and essential to New York City's emergency preparedness," said **NYC Emergency Management Deputy Commissioner of Community Preparedness Herman Schaffer**. "We congratulate all new CERT members for completing their rigorous training and we also congratulate our award recipients for their dedication and commitment to serving their communities."

[Click here to read more!](#)



## **4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY NETWORK CONFERENCE**

**We Take Care of Each Other: Empowering Communities With Practical Tools for Disasters**

**Are you interested in preparing your community for the next big disaster? Register for our conference!**



We are a group of local emergency preparedness and response organizations backed by the NYC Health Department. You will learn about the emergency landscape in NYC, caregiver preparedness, disaster insurance tools, setting up volunteer reception centers, advocating for your community, and more!

**Salvation Army**  
**120 W. 14th St., New York, NY 10011**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This is a free conference. To register, [click here](#).

# REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON EXPERIENCES WITH FEMA DISASTER RESPONSES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Review Council requests information and comments from the public and other interested stakeholders to gain an understanding of their experience with FEMA during disasters. The public information and comments will ensure that the FEMA Review Council's findings and recommendations are informed by a broad spectrum of perspectives, experiences, and ideas.

**Date:**

Comments on this notice must be received by May 15, 2025, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick Powers, Designated Federal Officer, FEMA Review Council at (202) 891-2283 or [FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAreviewcouncil@hq.dhs.gov).

[Visit here for more information.](#)

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**NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS**



## New Immigrant Resources

Available on [www.nyc.gov/knowyourrights](http://www.nyc.gov/knowyourrights)



The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) has updated several booklets with guidance for immigrant New Yorkers. New Yorkers and service providers can learn what to do after a friend or family member is detained by federal immigration authorities, Know Your Rights, and understand New York City's local laws related to immigrants. Visit [MOIA's Know Your Rights webpage](#) regularly for up-to-date translated guidance related to immigration.

These booklets give only general information. It is not legal advice. Consult an attorney for legal advice. All immigrant New Yorkers can access free and confidential immigration legal help in their preferred language.

You can call the city-funded, free, and safe MOIA Immigration Legal Support Hotline at 800-354-0365, between 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday to Friday or call 311 and say, "Immigration Legal."



NYC Civic Impact Funding (CIF) funds nonprofit and community-based organizations up to \$10,000 to engage volunteers and strategically scale services to residents in neighborhoods with high levels of health and socioeconomic disparities, based on Taskforce on Racial Inclusion and Equity (TRIE) criteria. Funding is awarded to front-line organizations with deep community relationships that leverage volunteers to address a range of livability issues (i.e., food access, public safety, and mental health).

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Operate in at least one TRIE neighborhood (a list of TRIE neighborhoods can be found [online](#). OR Every Block Counts street focusing on transforming the conditions and culture on blocks in New York City around the 73rd and 46th precinct.
- Hold a current 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization status or have a fiscal sponsor.
- Use funding exclusively to support NYC-based volunteer and civic engagement efforts in high-need communities.

**The application deadline is 5pm on April 28, 2025**

[Click here to apply!](#)

## **CON EDISON GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

We invest in community-based organizations who share our vision to combat the effects of climate change, advance social justice in the communities we serve, and build green job skills in New York.

#### **2025 Grant Cycle:**

Our 2025 grant cycle runs from January 1 through June 30. Grants in the priority focus areas for Con Edison will be awarded through a competitive

process.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for strategic grants, your project or program must meet the following criteria:

- Be a community-based organization; educational institution; or coalition, or alliance, of institutions, this includes environmental justice networks. Your organization must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable entity, as described in Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. In a collective group scenario, a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit is required as the fiscal agent for funding.
- Be located in Con Edison's service territory (New York City and Westchester) and more.

[Click here for more information!](#)

## NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN: THE COMMUNITY FUND

In 2023, NewYork-Presbyterian launched the Community Fund with the goal of empowering local community-based organizations, also known as CBOs. This groundbreaking grant opportunity is a direct result of the [2022 - 2024 NewYork-Presbyterian Community Health Needs Assessment](#), a comprehensive report that identifies the needs, assets, and priorities of the communities the hospital serves.

**Eligibility:** The Community Fund offers grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 annually, extendable for up to two years, with a maximum award of \$300,000. The opportunity is available to CBOs across New York City and Westchester County.

[Click here for more information!](#)

**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)

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### **BUREAU: Office of Strategic Operations**

The Office of Strategic Operations (OSO), led by the Chief Strategy Officer, is responsible for managing high-priority agency-wide or citywide initiatives that support the growth of emergency management at our agency and the City at large. OSO works to provide innovative proposals to continuously improve our internal, interagency, and externally facing operations. To accomplish its goals, OSO is organized into three Units: 1) Analysis and Evaluation Unit 2) Continuity of Operations Unit 3) Strategy and Innovation Unit

#### **CITYWIDE CONTINUITY SPECIALIST Salary Range: \$68,428 - \$68,428 (Job ID: 709333)**

The Office of Strategic Operations (OSO) is responsible for managing high-priority agency-wide or citywide initiatives that support the growth of emergency management at both our agency and the City at large. OSO works to provide innovative proposals to continuously improve our internal, interagency, and externally facing operations.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC OPERATIONS Salary Range: \$127,742 - \$135,561 (Job ID: 709325)**

The Executive Director of Strategic Operations, reporting directly to the Chief of Staff, leads high-priority initiatives to strengthen emergency management operations, drive policy innovation, and enhance continuity practices. This role involves implementing strategic projects, delivering specialized training and technical support, and fostering innovation within the agency, while supporting the Chief of Staff and ensuring seamless operations during her absence.

#### **STRATEGY AND INNOVATION COLLEGE AIDE, \$17.00 – \$21.40 - Job ID# 710026**

The Strategy & Innovation Unit (S&I) is seeking a College Aide to support the development of NYCEM's next Strategic Plan, set for publication in 2026. The College

Aide will contribute to the plan draft by:

- Supporting evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses, and outcomes of the agency's current 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.
- Identifying ongoing and emerging NYCEM priorities.
- Assisting with analysis of division goals and planning an strategy session for division executives.
- Researching strategic planning at NYCEM, City agencies, and other emergency management organizations and applying best practices from agency experience and external case studies. The College Aide will provide recommendations on aligning NYCEM's priorities and assist in the development of an effective implementation framework.

**BUREAU: Office of Chief Operating Officer**

The Office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO) is comprised of Human Capital Management (HCM), Information Technology (IT), Support Services, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The Office of the COO is focused on implementing agency initiatives and strategies into daily operations to meet agency objectives and goals.

**TIMEKEEPING SPECIALIST Salary Range: \$68,428 - \$70,481 (Job ID: 709326)**

NYCEM is seeking a Timekeeper Specialist to lead timekeeping support and compliance for an agency of approximately 250 employees. Under the direction of the Deputy Director, Payroll and Timekeeping, the Timekeeper Specialist will be responsible for processing and maintaining time and attendance records in CityTime, supporting employees going on extended leave, and facilitating employees leaving the agency, with exit procedures and time and leave calculations. The Timekeeper Specialist must be well-versed in the systems, policies, and procedures around time and leave, and is able to work with employees, the HCM unit, and external agencies including FISA-OPA, on any issues that arise, to reach resolution quickly.

**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.

**PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST Salary Range: \$68,428 (Job ID: 709337) (SEE JOB DESCRIPTION – SHORT TERM POSITION)**

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 Procurement Specialist, under the guidance of the Deputy Agency Chief Contracting Officer and Agency Chief Contracting Officer, will be responsible for the processing of all agency procurement while ensuring the adherence to City, State and Federal procurement guidelines.

**BUREAU: Response**

The Response division is responsible to monitor incidents throughout the City, alert the public and City agencies, initiate NYCEM response, on-scene coordination and special event planning and coordination. It is comprised of for Watch Command, Field Response Unit, and the Response Support Unit.

**METEOROLOGIST Salary Range: \$74,262 - \$90,041 (Job ID: 698995)**

The City of New York is susceptible to a broad range of weather hazards including, but not limited to, flash flooding, heat waves, coastal storms, winter weather, and severe convective events. In order to enhance the City's emergency readiness efforts, NYCEM is seeking a highly trained, skilled, and experienced meteorologist to support on-going situational awareness and analysis of near-term weather threats, provide decision support to agency and City leadership during weather emergencies, provide real-time information during responses to non-natural emergencies, provide expert support on weather hazards for emergency planning, and conduct research and analysis into weather and climactic hazards.

**WATCH COMMAND SUPERVISOR Salary Range: \$70,000 - \$79,000 (Job ID: 707701)**

The Watch Command unit monitors citywide radio frequencies; local, national, and international media; and weather forecasts 24 hours per day, seven days per week. They function as the central notification point for NYC, transmitting notifications to agencies and

Notify NYC messages. Watch Command also dispatches Citywide Interagency Coordinators, deploys the Interagency Communications Vehicle and in support of incident command, dispatches assets, subject matter experts and request additional agency support when necessary. With minimal supervision from the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and the Director of Watch Command, with latitude for independent initiative and judgment, the incumbent will supervise the daily operation of Watch Command (the NYC Emergency Management communications center).

**BUREAU: Logistics**

The Logistics Bureau is made up of the Urban Search & Rescue, Humanitarian Logistics, Ground Support Logistics, Logistics Planning and Coordination, and the Mutual Aid and Resource Processing units. In blue skies, the Logistics Bureau works to increase the City's emergency response and recovery capabilities by providing logistics planning support for agency and Citywide response programs. In grey skies, the Bureau provides active resource management.

**LOGISTICS PROGRAM MANAGER, URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) Salary Range: \$76,385 - \$81,036 (Job ID: 691874)**

The Logistics Bureau is made up of the Urban Search & Rescue, Humanitarian Logistics, Ground Support Logistics, Logistics Planning and Coordination, and the Mutual Aid and Resource Processing units. In blue skies, the Logistics Bureau works to increase the City's emergency response and recovery capabilities by providing logistics planning support for agency and Citywide response programs. In grey skies, the Bureau provides active resource management for response programs, staffs operational task forces, and coordinates mutual aid requests.

**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.

**EXERCISES PROGRAM MANAGER Salary Range: \$76,385 - \$76,385 (Job ID: 708884)**

New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is seeking an Exercises Program Manager to join the Exercises Unit and design, implement, and evaluate NYCEM's internal and interagency exercises. These include and are not limited to seminars, workshops, tabletops, functional exercises, and full-scale exercises, focusing on all emergency management phases and hazards. The Exercises Program Manager should bring a proactive, adaptable, and participant-focused approach to NYCEM's exercises.

**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST Salary Range: \$68,428 - \$68,428 (Job ID: 705356)**

The Learning and Development Unit develops, delivers, and coordinates trainings as well as professional development and leadership programs that build and strengthen the capabilities of NYCEM staff and interagency partners. The Interagency Training Specialist will be responsible for the development and implementation of comprehensive training programs to support both intra-agency and inter-agency emergency management training. 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, building true leaders who can prepare for and respond to any type of emergency situation and coordinate effectively with internal and external partners.

**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

### **DISABILITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS COLLEGE AIDE, \$17.00 – \$21.40 - JOB ID# 710026**

The Equity and Diversity Council is committed to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging across the agency. The Council focuses on fostering an environment that reflects the city's diverse population and ensures equitable opportunities for all. This internship offers an exciting opportunity for a self-starting, creative individual to contribute to impactful diversity and equity efforts.

### **INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT COLLEGE AIDE, \$17.00 – \$21.40 - JOB ID# 710026**

The Information and Knowledge Management Intern will be responsible for maintaining active programming unit and administrative records, both electronic and hard copy, under general direction from the Office of the Chief Counsel. Please see the full posting for more details. Website Development and Content Creation College Aide, \$17.00 – \$21.40 - Job ID# 710026 We are seeking a highly skilled Digital Content and Website Strategist to join our team. In this role, you will be responsible for the end-to-end management of our website, including its CMS, technical performance, and content architecture. Please see the full posting for more details.

### **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.

### **PLANNING SPECIALIST Salary Range: \$68,428 - \$68,428 (Job ID: 705256)**

The Planning and Resiliency (P&R) Bureau's mission is to prepare the City to respond and adapt to emergencies through collaborative, scalable planning; comprehensive interagency coordination; and advancing recovery and resiliency. To execute this mission, the P&R Bureau includes Interagency Coordination with an assistant commissioner leading three units made up of subject matter experts in Health and Medical, Human Services, and Critical Infrastructure; Resiliency and Recovery with an assistant commissioner leading the Resiliency Implementation and Resiliency and Recovery Planning units; and the Planning unit.

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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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