GP Strategies’ COVID-19 Virtual Recovery Office (VRO)

For over 50 years, GP Strategies® has been delivering performance improvement and organizational resilience solutions to our public and private clients. Effectively completing a public health response and financial recovery effort of this uniqueness and magnitude will require off-site resources to provide consistent and dedicated management of response operations and assistance to drive completion of grant applications. GP Strategies’ public health professionals and our fully staffed Virtual Recovery Office (VRO) can provide you a customized solution to respond to this event.

VRO Benefits

Reporting and compliance for federally funded recovery programs requires diligence in documentation and intense coordination between multiple departments, divisions, and contractors. Centralizing information in one location that is easily accessible and user friendly expedites financial recovery.

Leverage valuable performance expertise around the globe.

Focus: Performance improvement through custom training, consulting and engineering strategies

Founded: 1966

Headquarters: Columbia, Maryland, USA

Global Locations: Offices throughout the Americas, EMEA and APAC

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VRO Benefits

- REDUCED COST
- GRANTS PORTAL OPERATION
- PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
- DOCUMENT CONTROL
- EXPERT CONSULTING
COVID-19 is an unprecedented event across 50 States and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will not have adequate resources to support every applicant. FEMA is developing a simplified online form applicants can complete to explain work activities, answer basic questions, provide limited supporting documentation, and a cost estimate for impacts. FEMA and the recipient will review this information, follow up with limited requests for additional information if necessary, and then award assistance. Recipients will have access to all projects in the Public Assistance (PA) Grants Portal, consistent with the traditional PA process.

GP Strategies’ Virtual Recovery Office Approach

Delivering a comprehensive disaster recovery program through a fully staffed Virtual Recovery Office has many unique aspects. The COVID-19 nuances require additional project controls and risk management measures to anticipate and avoid unnecessary obstacles and delays.

The Project Controls system must allow for the early identification of issues and support communication that cuts across the entire program to bring information and options to the parties in real time. GP Strategies has extensive experience in developing systems that meet this criteria and identifying challenges facing complex public agencies with significant needs to make them more manageable.

We have paired our FEMA PA team with our public health experts who have been supporting our nation in public health emergency response and planning for the past 15 years. Our firm’s expertise in areas of public health, inter-governmental coordination, federal regulation compliance, and our web-based program management systems, make this team uniquely suited to ramp up services in this unique project environment that incorporates brand new FEMA processes.

STAFFING PLAN

GP Strategies will provide a dedicated Senior Financial Analyst who will lead your Financial Management and Grant Administration effort. This individual will prepare a detailed resource needs analysis based on your agency’s existing quantity of expenses to include labor and equipment records, purchased materials, invoices, and donated resources. An anticipated number of grants, total program value, and estimated schedule, will support identification of staffing needs. Staff will include financial analysts with experience in audit preparation and grant administration. Public health and FEMA Public Assistance Specialists will support eligibility determinations and advocacy. Administrative specialists will support document and data control.

MOBILIZATION PLAN

A core recovery team comprised of a Recovery Manager, Financial Analyst, and Public Health Specialist will contact your team to immediately schedule a virtual kick-off meeting. Our fully staffed Virtual Recovery Office will begin file management and web application set-up overseen by the Financial Analyst. Administrative specialists will be supplied from our VRO and support expense triage and FEMA Grants Portal upload. The assigned Recovery Manager will immediately follow a checklist of requirements to begin the FEMA Grants Portal Damage Inventory and Project setup. Data management and report development will be supported through the VRO and provide scheduled updates.

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