

Community Planning and Capacity Building

Recovery Support Function



Following a disaster, communities and their local governments are often forced to make complex recovery decisions. These decisions range widely and can include important topics such as business reinvestment, affordable housing, and building long-term resilience. In addition, many of these communities may lack the capability to address the planning and decision-making processes needed to start their recovery. The consequences of these decisions may impact community prosperity, safety, and identity for years to come.

What is Community Planning and Capacity Building?

The Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function, also known as CPCB RSF, is one of six RSFs established under the National Disaster Recovery Framework. Other RSFs include Housing, Economic, Health and Social Services, Natural and Cultural Resources, and Infrastructure Systems.

The CPCB RSF strives to restore and strengthen state, territorial, tribal, and local governments' ability to plan for recovery, engage the community in the recovery planning process and build capacity for local plan implementation and recovery management. Recovery planning in the post-disaster environment builds short- and long-term community resilience, empowers local leaders and stakeholders and improves recovery outcomes for the individual and the community. Governmental and non-governmental partners, coordinated by FEMA, come together under the banner of the CPCB RSF to share information and pool planning support resources. These resources can include planning technical assistance, program support, or funding for planning and capacity building-related initiatives.

Mission of Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function (CPCB RSF):

The mission of the CPCB RSF is to enable local governments to effectively and efficiently carry out community-based recovery planning and management in a post disaster environment. CPCB also supports state or territorial governments in developing programs of support for local recovery planning.

Coordinating Agency:

Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency

Primary Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Supporting Agencies Include:

Corp. for National & Community Service
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Dept. of Health and Human Services
Department of Interior
Department of Justice
Department of Transportation
Environmental Protection Agency
Nat. Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Small Business Administration
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Access Board

Non-Governmental Partners Include:

American Planning Association
American Red Cross
International City/County Management Association
National Association of Development Organizations
The American Institute of Architects
...and others

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What does the CPCB RSF do BEFORE a disaster?

The CPCB RSF coordinates assistance among federal and non-federal partners to help local governments and tribes prepare for disaster recovery. The CPCB RSF works through partners to communicate and coordinate availability of guidance materials, tools and training for developing local and tribal pre-disaster recovery and resilience plans. The RSF also builds a network of agencies and organizations that are prepared to aid tribes and local governments with planning when disaster strikes.



What does the CPCB RSF do AFTER a disaster?

The CPCB RSF coordinates and facilitates support among a variety of partners for the planning, capacity, and resilience building capabilities needed by local or tribal governments following large or unique incidents. Coordination and partner support is tailored to the needs of disaster-impacted states, territories, tribes, and local governments through information sharing, assessment, and strategy development process.

Examples of coordinated CPCB RSF support activities include:

- *Education, Peer-to-Peer Forums and Workshops* give recovery planners and officials an opportunity to ask questions and benefit from the recovery planning lessons learned by others.
- *Recovery Planning* is often needed by communities to begin an organized process. CPCB federal partners, as well as universities and NGOs, can pool resources to provide planning technical assistance, staffing resources and funding.
- *Community Engagement* after a disaster can be fraught with challenges, including resident displacement. CPCB partners can advise or support communities with reaching and involving all stakeholders in recovery planning.
- *Management Capacity* is often needed to implement recovery plans. CPCB partners can help communities quickly define local capacity building needs and identify post-disaster resources to fill those management needs.
- *Planning and related Tools, Guidance, Training* and other just-in-time materials are available through the *Community Recovery Management Toolkit* and other partner resources.

Related Resources:

National Disaster Recovery Framework:
<http://www.fema.gov/national-disaster-recovery-framework>

Does your community have a recovery plan or an emergency operations plan?
www.fema.gov/plan

Community Recovery Planning and Management Toolkit:
<http://www.fema.gov/national-disaster-recovery-framework/community-recovery-management-toolkit>

Does your community have a hazard mitigation plan?
Local Mitigation Planning Handbook –
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/31598>

Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning –
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/19261>

Does your community have a pre-disaster recovery ordinance?
American Planning Association
<https://www.planning.org/research/postdisaster/>

Does your community need an economic recovery plan?
International Economic Development Council
<http://restoreyoureconomy.org/recovery/post-disaster-planning-for-economic-recovery/>

Does your community have a continuity of operations plan?
Continuity Planning & Templates
<http://www.fema.gov/planning-templates>

Training for disaster recovery
Emergency Management Institute
<http://www.training.fema.gov/emi/>

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