

Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program

Period of Performance Activities and Post Period of Performance Maintenance

2024



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Agenda

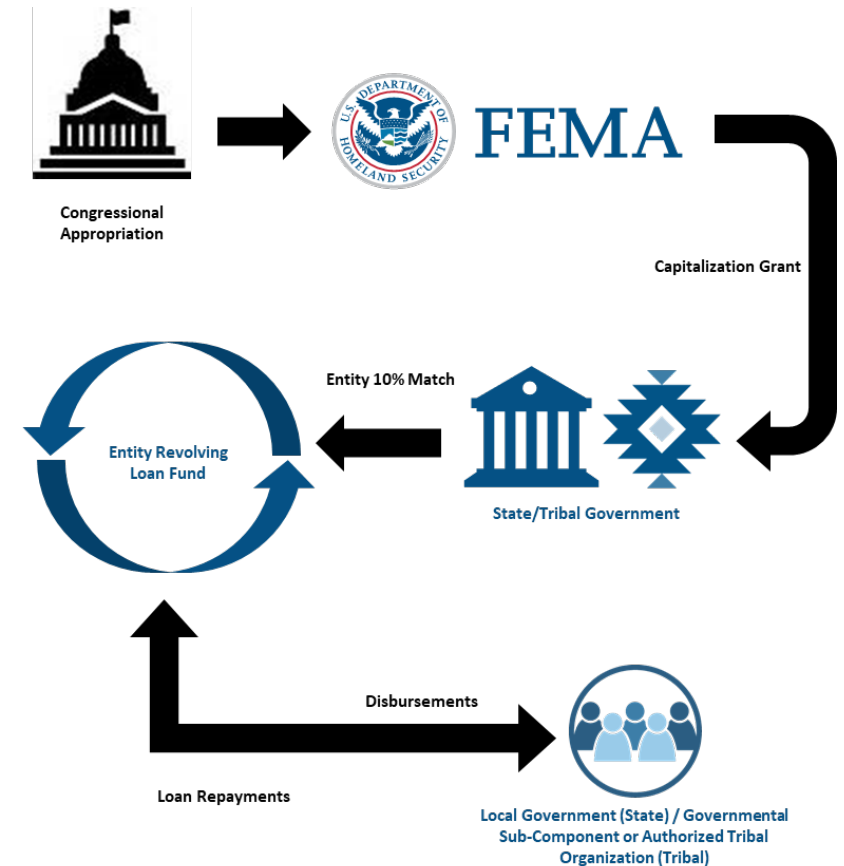
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Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF Program Overview

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- FEMA provides funding via a capitalization grant
 - The participating entity contributes 10% of the capitalization grant into an established entity loan fund
- The entity loan fund provides assistance to local governments to expedite eligible mitigation activities in their communities with greater flexibility and autonomy
- The lender entity is responsible for monitoring project progress and loan repayment from local communities
 - As local governments repay loans, these funds can be used for new loans
- FEMA will monitor the use of funding through reporting mechanisms and audits



Capitalization Grant Period of Performance

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Entity Loan Fund

- The grants period of performance is 24 months from the date of award
- Within the period of performance of the grant award, the recipients must:
 - Execute the Intended Use Plan
 - Use the full federal and non-federal share of funding made available to issue loans

Hazard Mitigation Projects

- For loans/projects:
 - Projects funded by the loans do not need to be completed within the grant period of performance
 - Loans do not need to be fully repaid during the grant period of performance

Reporting Before, During, and After the Grant Period of Performance

Pre-Award

- **Purpose:** Collect baseline information from applicants
- Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Project Proposal List (PPL) submitted with application

Period of Performance

- **Purpose:** Ongoing data collection for monitoring performance and compliance with federal and program requirements
- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Environmental and Historic Preservation checklists as needed
- Annual Financial Audit
- Biennial Programmatic Audit
- Annual IUP/PPL Updates
- Publication of Information

Post Closeout (In perpetuity)

- **Purpose:** Confirm alignment with program requirements
- Biennial audit
- Annual IUP/PPL Updates
- Publication of Information



Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review of Projects

Entity indicates which projects would require Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) review within their grant application materials



Entity is responsible for ensuring EHP review for projects occurs before loan disbursement



FEMA will conduct EHP reviews for projects awarded under this initial funding opportunity

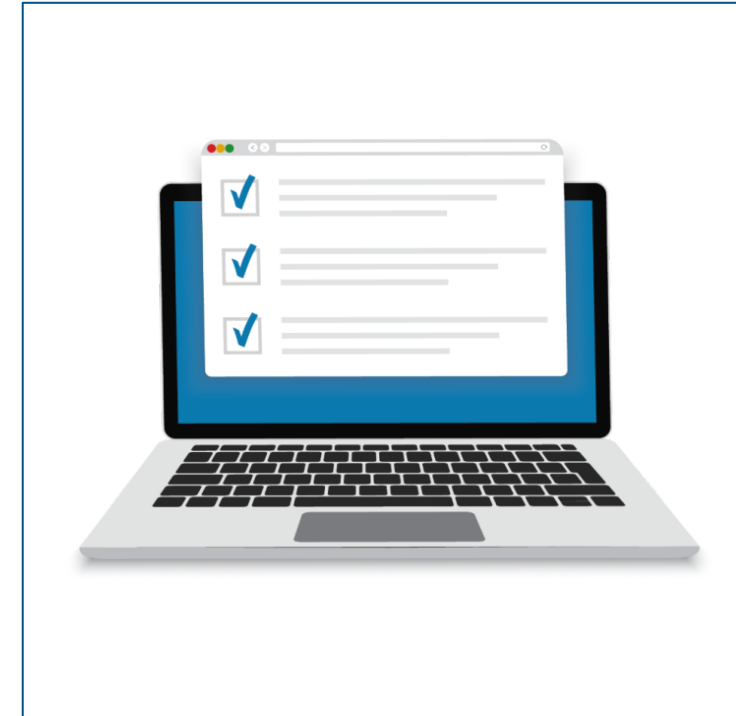


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Performance Reporting

Use of Data Collected through Performance Reporting

- Administrative expenses
- Technical Assistance expenses
- Funding disbursement and repayment
- Publication of Information
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan compliance
- Loan Details
 - Interest Rates
 - Amortization Terms
 - Loan Amounts
 - Project Types



Reporting Requirements

Program Specific Requirements

Quarterly Progress Reports

- Data to support performance measure evaluation
- Confirm grant funds are disbursed as loans within the POP

Biennial Audits

- Must include audit results and a review of the effectiveness of the entity loan fund in meeting the goals and intended benefits described in Intended Use Plan.

Publication of Information

- Meet statute requirement for publishing funded project information

Annual IUP/PPL Submission

- Provide updates to FEMA on loan fund operational status

Federal Requirements

Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)

- Reporting for federal financial regulations compliance

Annual Audits

- Conduct audits in accordance with the auditing procedures of the Government Accountability Office



Post-Closeout Reporting

- Reporting after the period of performance will be required to monitor the use of funds after the initial disbursement of loans
 - This includes monitoring fund administration, loan repayment, and additional loans awarded by the entity with recycled funds
- Data collected and frequency of collection will be specified in the Grant Closeout Agreement
- Post-closeout reporting may incorporate reporting elements from other reporting requirements, such as Quarterly Progress Reports, and additional financial metrics

Performance Measurement

Performance Measurement Goals

- Entity Loan Fund Administration
 - Ensuring funds are administered efficiently, managed effectively, and maintained in perpetuity
- Equitable Distribution of Financing
 - Reaching local governments most in need of financial assistance, including low-income geographic areas, underserved communities, and disadvantaged communities
- Effective Project Implementation
 - Use funds to reduce natural hazard risk and future losses



Entity Loan Fund Administration

- Objective
 - FEMA will measure the efficiency of loan distribution through loans executed as a percent of total available assets
 - The measurement aims to assess the amount of capitalization grant funding disbursed as loans to local governments throughout the period of performance
- Performance Measures
 - Executed Loans As A Percent Of Funds Available (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)
 - Disbursements As A Percent Of Executed Loans (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)
 - Staffing Capacity And Implementation (*Biennial Audit*)
 - Delinquency Ratio (*Biennial Audit*)



Equitable Distribution of Financing

- Objective
 - FEMA will measure the percentage of loan funds distributed in low-income geographic areas and/or underserved communities
 - A goal of the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program is that 40% of the overall benefits generated by the entity loan funds flow to underserved communities
- Performance Measures
 - Percent Of Total Loans For Disadvantaged Communities (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)
 - Number Of Loans For Disadvantaged Communities (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)
 - Equity Benefits Narrative (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)



Defining Equity Factors for Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF

Disadvantaged Communities

- Depending on the NOFO, may be defined as:
 - Census tracts with a score greater than or equal to 0.8 using the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)
 - Census tracts that are identified as “disadvantaged” using the “Explore the map” function found on the Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)

Low Income Geographic Area

- Must meet one (1) of the following two criteria:
 - Area has a per capita income of 80% or less of the national average
 - Area has an unemployment rate that is at least 1% greater than the national average

Effective Project Implementation

- Objective
 - FEMA will monitor metrics related to project effectiveness in areas, such as, but not limited to, insurance premium reductions, expected avoided losses, and reduction in hazard risk and vulnerability
 - FEMA will also assess project effectiveness by measuring the percentage of completed projects
- Performance Measures
 - Project Effectiveness Narrative (*Quarterly Progress Reports*)



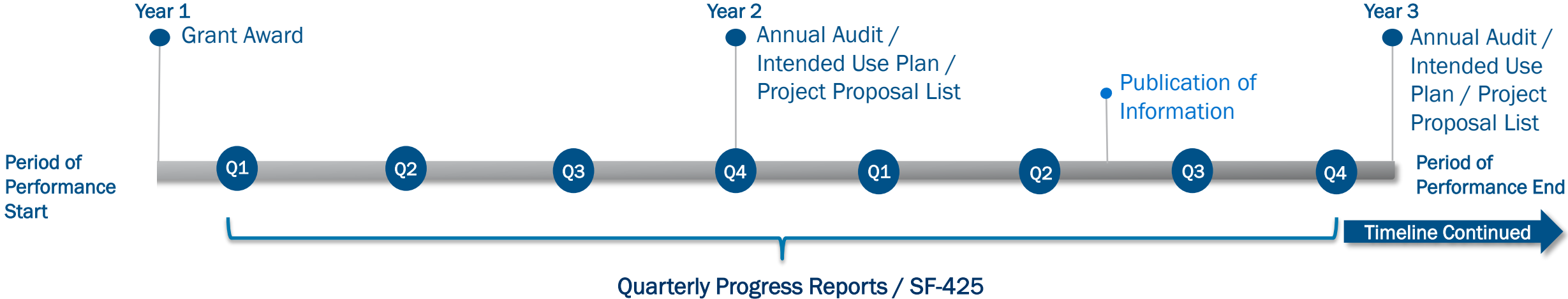
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Reporting Requirements

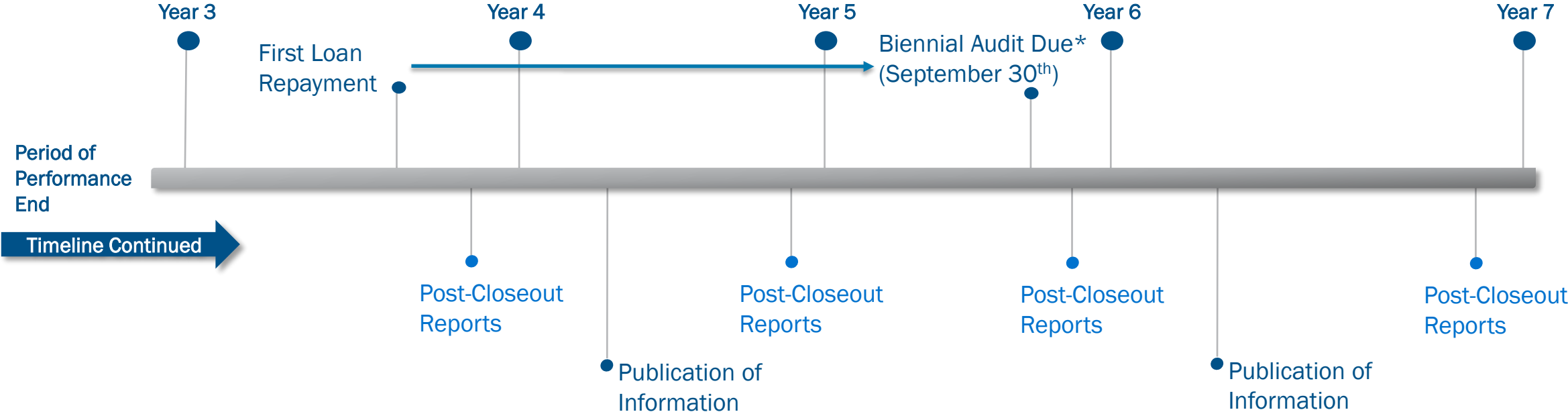
Report	Submission Frequency	Required through the period of performance or In Perpetuity
Quarterly Progress Reports / Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)	Quarterly	Period of Performance
Annual Audit	Annually	Period of Performance
Intended Use Plan / Projects	Annually	In Perpetuity
Biennial Audit	Biennially	In Perpetuity

- Publication of Information can be completed at the frequency most suitable to the entity.
- Closeout reporting frequency will be specified in the grant closeout agreement.

Period of Performance Reporting Example Timeline



Post-Period of Performance Reporting Example Timeline



*Due the last day of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the entity begins receiving payments from loan recipients.

Technical Assistance

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<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/storm-rlf>

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