

National Exercise Division 2025 Exercise Support Round

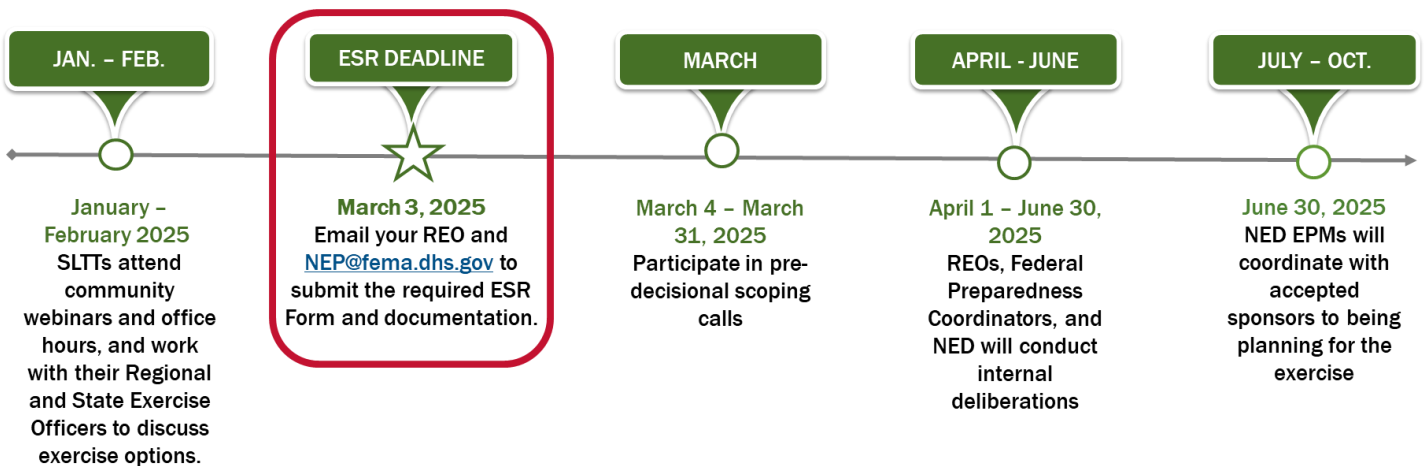
The National Exercise Division (NED) is responsible for coordinating and supporting exercises across the nation that examine and validate capabilities in all preparedness mission areas. Below, you will find information to better help you understand our Exercise Support Request (ESR) process.

Types of Support You Can Receive from NED

NED does not administer funding or grants directly to communities to conduct exercises. Instead, the NED offers **direct technical assistance to communities**, meaning that communities will work directly with the NED Exercise Program Managers (EPM) to plan, develop, and conduct exercises to evaluate a specific capability or capacity within your community. The NED can support in the following ways:



2025 ESR Timeline



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ESR Eligibility Requirements

To receive the NED exercise support, your exercise must adhere to the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ **A SLTT jurisdiction** must sponsor exercise requests; nonprofit, private sector and federal entities must have their request co-sponsored by an SLTT government organization.
- ✓ All sponsors must provide documentation of plans or corrective actions that the exercise will validate.
- ✓ Sponsors must **participate in pre-decisional scoping call** with their NED EPM to review the request form.
- ✓ All exercises must **align to a NEP Principals' Exercise Priorities (PEP)**.
- ✓ Discussion-based exercises must have a conduct date of November 3, 2025, or later.
- ✓ Operations-based exercises must have a conduct date of February 2, 2026, or later.
- ✓ Email your FEMA Regional Exercise Officer (REO) and the NEP inbox (NEP@fema.dhs.gov) with your ESR Form and required documentation no later than 11:59 PM EDT on **March 3, 2025**.

Tips for a Strong Support Request

- The ESR Form should highlight exercising a plan, policy or procedure that needs support.
- Clearly explain how the support from the NED will make the exercise more successful.
- Explain how your exercise will build upon corrective actions previously identified in exercise or real-world events.
- Engage your REO before submitting a request for support.
- Engage a broad spectrum of participants.
- Align your exercise to core capabilities that support the [NEP Principals' Exercise Priority](#).
- Have not received support from the NED in the past five years.

Interested in Receiving Support?

1. Coordinate with your REO to walk through your request, adjust your form, and confirm you have all required documentation.
2. After you have reviewed the request with your REO, email your completed ESR form and supporting documents to your REO and NEP@fema.dhs.gov by March 3, 2025.
3. NED Support Staff will send you a confirmation of receipt once they have received your request. If they ask for additional information or clarification, please respond to their request ASAP.
4. Your request will be assigned to a NED EPM who will invite you to a pre-decisional scoping call. You must participate in this call to confirm support request details and discuss any suggested updates or changes.

FEMA's Regional Exercise Officers

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Additional Exercise Resources

1. Visit [NEP.gov](https://www.fema.gov/nep) to learn more on how to request exercise support.
2. Visit [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program](#) for guiding principles.
3. Visit [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program's YouTube](#) channel for exercise training videos.
4. Visit [Preparedness Toolkit](#) for additional exercise planning tools, templates, and guidance.
5. [Exercise Starter Kits](#) – set of sample materials and templates that an organization/jurisdiction can customize to conduct their own discussion-based exercises.