

2020 Virtual Technical Assistance

Live Webinar Schedule

In 2020, FEMA will present a series of technical assistance webinars to help prepare communities to complete the THIRA/SPR. Most webinars will be presented in multiple sessions to allow participants to attend based on their scheduling needs. **All times listed below are Eastern Standard Time (EST).*

2020 THIRA/SPR Requirements and Target Overview

Date and time: June 30 (1:00-3:00 PM), July 1 (2:00-4:00 PM), July 13 (2:00-4:00 PM)

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed an unprecedented strain on communities. In this two-hour webinar, FEMA will explain the modifications to the 2020 THIRA/SPR reporting requirements for Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program recipients.

- **Speakers:** Assessments and Analytics Branch (AAB) Community Team

Understanding the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the Preparedness Grants Manual (PGM)

Date and time: July 15 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM), July 22 (2:00-4:00 PM)

Learn how to use THIRA/SPR data in your Investment Justifications (IJs) and to demonstrate the effectiveness of grants in your community. In this two-hour joint webinar, representatives from the Grant Program Directorate (GPD) and the Measures & Standards Branch (MSB) will present on the modifications to the Fiscal Year 2020 HSGP NOFO Application Submission Requirements for the State Homeland Security Program and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) recipients. MSB will also present how they plan to use the IJ data to measure the grants' effectiveness.

- **Speakers:** Grant Programs Directorate (GPD); Measures & Standards Branch (MSB)

Continuous Improvement in Emergency Management and After-Action Process

After-Action to THIRA/SPR (The journey from A to T!)

Date and time: July 21 (10:00-11:00 AM), July 27 (3:00-4:00 PM)

Learn how to leverage information from your After-Action Reviews (AARs) as an additional data source for your THIRA/SPR submission. During this webinar, FEMA's Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) will share ideas and facilitate a discussion on how to incorporate information from real world and exercise AARs into your THIRA/SPR. Plus, you will learn some best practices on conducting quick assessments after incidents to still gather valuable insights when you may otherwise be limited on staffing resources and insufficient time to do a full AAR.

- **Speakers:** Continuous Improvement Program (Danel Trisi)

Community Strategies for Engaging with the Whole Community Partners

Date and time: July 29 (3:00-4:00 PM)

During this webinar, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security will present strategies to engage and create buy-in from community stakeholders to participate in the THIRA/SPR process. Additionally, the webinar will cover how Wyoming completes the THIRA/SPR process and ensures the State captures accurate data from the subject matter experts within the community.

- **Speakers:** AAB Community Team, Mikki Munson (Wyoming)

2020 THIRA/SPR Beyond the Basics

Date and time: August 4 (1:30-3:00 PM), August 6 (10:00 AM-11:30 AM)

For Further Information:



During this hour-and-a-half webinar, FEMA will build upon the basic introduction to the THIRA/SPR methodology and discuss common challenges in completing the assessment by sharing ideas and facilitating a discussion on how to address those challenges.

- **Speakers:** AAB Community Team

2020 THIRA/SPR Feedback: Making Your THIRA/SPR More Descriptive and Actionable

Date and time: August 12 (2:00 PM-3:30 PM), August 19 (2:00-3:30 PM)

In this hour-and-a-half webinar, learn how to make the free-text descriptions more descriptive and how to develop more actionable inputs. This webinar will highlight how utilizing free-text descriptions in the THIRA/SPR is an important step in providing additional context for quantitative estimates.

- **Speakers:** AAB National and/or AAB Community Team

Using the THIRA/SPR to Become Better Prepared and More Resilient

Date and time: August 25 (2:00-3:00 PM), August 27 (10:30-11:30 AM)

The THIRA/SPR sets a strategic foundation to put the National Preparedness System into action. In this one-hour webinar, participants learn how the THIRA/SPR ties into other areas of preparedness as well as emergency management and homeland security efforts.

- **Speakers:** AAB Community Team

Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT) Demonstration

Date and time: September 8 (2:00-3:00 PM)

In this one-hour webinar, learn how you can use RAPT to complete the THIRA/SPR. The RAPT is a publicly available GIS web map that allows users to visualize and prioritize resilience, response, and recovery strategies. RAPT includes clickable data layers of census tract community resilience indicators, infrastructure locations, and hazards, including real-time weather forecasts, historic disasters, and projected hazard risk. RAPT can provide population counts for impact statements and users can select different layers of data to better understand resilience in a given area.

- **Speakers:** Team National Integration Center (NIC)

How Communities Use the THIRA/SPR Data

Date and time: September 15 (1:00-2:30 PM)

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management conducts an annual assessment of state agencies, local and tribal jurisdictions to gather and compile information for the THIRA and SPR. In this hour-and-a-half webinar, learn how Oregon modified the FEMA questions to maintain consistency with prior year assessments while allowing for additional data analysis and visualization. Oregon is using geospatial tools to map and visualize components including dashboarding key data for each of the core capabilities to identify trends and highlight areas where more training/exercise/education may be necessary.

- **Speakers:** AAB National Team, Alaina Mayfield (Oregon)

How FEMA Uses the THIRA/SPR Data

Date and time: September 21 (2:00-3:30 PM), September 23 (11:00 AM-12:30 PM)

Learn how FEMA uses the THIRA/SPR data in this hour-and-a-half webinar. Presenters will showcase specific tools and platforms FEMA uses to share results with Federal partners and will describe how it applies the data to planning, exercises, and other efforts

- **Speakers:** AAB National Team, National Exercise Division (NED)

For Further Information:



Session Name	Speakers	June	July	August	September
2020 THIRA/SPR Requirements and Target Overview	AAB Community	6/30 (1-3 PM)	7/1 (2-4 PM)		
			7/13 (2-4 PM)		
Understanding the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the Preparedness Grants Manual	GPD and M&S		7/15 (10-12 PM)		
			7/22 (2-4 PM)		
Continuous Improvement in Emergency Management and After-Action Process	CII (Danel Trisi)		7/21 (10-11 AM)		
			7/27 (3-4 PM)		
Community Strategies for Engaging with the Whole Community Partners	AAB Community/ Wyoming		7/29 (3-4 PM)		
2020 THIRA/SPR Beyond the Basics	AAB Community			8/4 (1:30-3 PM)	
				8/6 (10-11:30 AM)	
2020 THIRA/SPR Feedback: Making Your THIRA/SPR More Descriptive and Actionable	AAB National or Community			8/12 (2-3:30 PM)	
				8/19 (2-3:30 PM)	
Using the THIRA/SPR to Become Better Prepared and More Resilient	AAB National			8/25 (2-3 PM)	
				8/27 (10:30-11:30 AM)	
Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT) Demonstration	NIC				9/8 (2-3 PM)
How Communities Use the THIRA/SPR Data	AAB National/ Oregon				9/15 (1-2:30 PM)
How FEMA Uses the THIRA/SPR Data	AAB National/ NED				9/21 (2-3:30 PM)
					9/23 (11-12:30 PM)

For Further Information:

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