

# FEMA Seeks New Members for National Advisory Council

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA is seeking qualified individuals to lend their expertise and serve on the agency's National Advisory Council.

The National Advisory Council includes a geographically diverse and substantive cross-section of 35 members who advise the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management, ensuring input from and coordination with state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as the private and nonprofit sectors.

Individuals appointed to the council bring their experience and diversity of views to provide the Administrator consensus recommendations on a broad range of issues.

"We are excited to announce the open application period and we encourage professionals from all backgrounds and communities to apply. Additionally, we are adding a second climate-specific position to the council which will help guide our efforts in the climate space," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell.

"Incoming council members will have the opportunity to be a part of, and help shape, the future not only of FEMA, but of the entire field of emergency management for our country."

Administrator Criswell will appoint up to 14 members who will begin serving on the council in December 2022. Selected council members will guide future recommendations on topics including equity, climate, readiness and workforce. The agency is accepting applications for 11 discipline-specific positions and three Administrator-selected positions. Discipline-specific positions include climate change, cybersecurity, disabilities, access and functional needs, elected state officials, emergency management, emergency medical provider, non-elected local official, non-elected state government officials, public health and standards setting and accrediting. For more information about what each position entails, please see the [council's charter](#).



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Supporting her commitment to address climate adaptation, Administrator Criswell directed the council's charter to be updated to include climate change experts. The first climate expert began serving in December 2021. This recruitment announcement includes solicitation of a second climate expert. Newly selected members will serve up to a three-year term on the council. If other positions open during the application and selection period, FEMA may select qualified candidates from the pool of applications.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the National Advisory Council, please follow [these instructions](#) for submitting an application package no later than 11:59 p.m. ET March 31.

