

Prepare/Respond/Serve

When you plan for a future emergency, you help your organization realize its mission in the face of everyday challenges. Executive Service Corps of Washington's PRS Program provides emergency planning assistance.

About Prepare/Respond/Serve

The PRS Program provides technical assistance to nonprofit organizations to support the development of emergency and service continuity plans. Emergency planning builds resilience in the face of emergencies that may arise at the organizational, local, or regional level. Having an emergency plan helps an organization maintain its mission through utility outages, flooding, severe weather, funding ups and downs, pandemic illness, sudden staff changes, or everyday disruptions. The program also builds organizational resiliency and improves preparation for leadership succession.

PRS is designed to increase the capacity of your organization to prepare for and respond to an emergency, as well as to return to operations post-crisis. The program was developed by ESC with advice and guidance from Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disaster (CARD).

"Thanks to the assistance provided by ESC, we're in much better shape to continue to provide a much needed service to our community in the event of a large or small emergency. I have confidence that we'll be up and operational again as soon as possible."

- Sallie Neille, King County Project Access

Support for Planning

The planning process includes creating an emergency mission that defines your organization's role in a community wide emergency; identifying training needs; and developing a response plan, including a communication plan and mutual assistance agreements, identifying needed supplies and equipment, and planning for a return to service.

ESC provides an assessment tool that allows your organization to measure its level of preparedness before and after the program. We also provide a detailed planning guide to help walk your team through the planning process, and forms and templates to make gathering information easier.

Executive Service Corps of Washington provides a full range of management consulting services and training opportunities for nonprofits and schools. Our staff consultants and service corps members are experts in board development, human resources, organizational development, nonprofit finances, program management, and public relations.

PRS consultants are members of ESC's service corps who have received training in emergency planning.

How It Works

Two ESC service corps consultants who have been trained in delivering the PRS program will facilitate a kickoff meeting with the person in your organization who is responsible for completing the emergency plan. During this meeting, the team will review the results of the pre-program assessment and identify the organization's critical services, staffing needs, and partnership options.

As your organization works through the planning guide, the ESC consultants will provide 40 to 80 hours of assistance. Consultants will facilitate planning meetings, schedule trainings, develop policies and mutual assistance agreements, and prepare the written emergency plan.

The PRS Program requires the participation of at least two organizational leaders in the planning process, plus one staff member or accountable volunteer to serve as a team lead.



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