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best assure the adequate development of the emergency preparedness capability of the United States.

- (i) Annual reports - The Director shall report annually to the Congress all contributions made pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 614. Requirement for State Matching Funds for Construction of Emergency Operating Centers (42 U.S.C. 5196c)**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, funds appropriated to carry out this title may not be used for the purpose of constructing emergency operating centers (or similar facilities) in any State unless such State matches in an equal amount the amount made available to such State under this title for such purpose.

**Sec. 615. Use of Funds to Prepare for and Respond to Hazards (42 U.S.C. 5196d)**

Funds made available to the States under this title may be used by the States for the purposes of preparing for hazards and providing emergency assistance in response to hazards. Regulations prescribed to carry out this section shall authorize the use of emergency preparedness personnel, materials, and facilities supported in whole or in part through contributions under this title for emergency preparedness activities and measures related to hazards.

**Sec. 616. Disaster Related Information Services (42 U.S.C. 5196f)\***

- (a) In General - Consistent with section 308(a), the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall -
  - (1) identify, in coordination with State and local governments, population groups with limited English proficiency and take into account such groups in planning for an emergency or major disaster;
  - (2) ensure that information made available to individuals affected by a major disaster or emergency is made available in formats that can be understood by -
    - (A) population groups identified under paragraph (1), and
    - (B) individuals with disabilities or other special needs; and
  - (3) develop and maintain an informational clearinghouse of model language assistance programs and best practices for State and local governments in providing services related to a major disaster or emergency.
- (b) Group Size - For purposes of subsection (a), the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall define the size of a population group.