

MONTANA'S STATE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (SEFs)

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- **Maintain Continuity of Government.** Focus: Ensure the continued functioning of critical government leadership elements, including: succession to key offices; organizational communications; leadership and management operations; situational awareness; personnel accountability; and functional and judicial organizations (as necessary). The State will identify the various subordinate mission essential functions necessary to accomplish this overarching mission. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 1)
- **Provide Visible Leadership.** Focus: Visible demonstration of leaders effectively dealing with the crisis and leading the response efforts: this assists in providing and monitoring the threat and confidence of established government organizations and the public. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 2)
- **Maintain Effective Relationships with Neighbors and Partners.** Focus: Maintain external relationships and agreements with a wide variety of entities; this may vary considerably across the various States, territories and tribes. This includes communications and interactions, as necessary during a crisis, with critical partners and organizations, including the Federal Government; other State, territorial and tribal governments, private sector and non-profit organizations; and may include foreign governments and organizations in some cases. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 4, however, it is recognized that the primary foreign relations responsibility lies with the Federal government.)
- **Maintain Law and Order.** Focus: Maintain civil order and public safety (protecting people and property, and the rule of law); ensuring basic civil rights, preventing crime, and protecting critical infrastructure. This involves, State, territorial, and tribal governments and local law enforcement, and includes calling up of National Guard units to support these efforts. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 5)
- **Provide Emergency Services.** Focus: Provide critical emergency services, including emergency management, police, fire, ambulance, medical, search and rescue, hazmat, shelters, emergency food services, recovery operations, etc. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 6)
- **Maintain Economic Stability.** Focus: Manage the overall economy of the State government. While the Federal government is responsible for protecting and stabilizing the National economy and regulating the currency, State, territorial, and tribal governments have a responsibility to manage their jurisdiction's finances and ensure solvency. During a crisis affecting the economy, maintaining confidence in economic and financial institutions is critical at every level of government. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF7)
- **Provide Basic Essential Services.** Focus: Ensure provision of basic services, including water, power, healthcare, communications, transportation services, sanitation services, environmental protection, commerce, etc. These are services that must continue or be restored quickly to provide for basic needs. Other less critical services (recreation, education) may be delayed or deferred at the discretion of the State government; the focus is on providing those critical services necessary to sustain the population and facilitate the return to normalcy. (This SEF aligns with STTEF and NEF 8)

1. Maintain Continuity of Government

Ensure continued functions of critical government leadership including:

- Succession of key offices
- Organizational communications
- Leadership, management and operations
- Situational Awareness
- Personnel Accountability

2. Provide Visible Leadership

Demonstrate to the public that leadership is in place.

- Crisis is being dealt with;
- A response effort is being lead;
- Monitors and promotes confidence in the government by the public.

3. Maintain Effective Relationships with Neighbors and Partners

Maintain external relationships and agreements including communication and interactions with:

- Federal government
- Other state Governments
- Territorial and tribal governments
- Private sector and non-profit organizations.

4. Maintain Law and Order

Maintain civil order and public safety.

- Protect people, property, and the rule of law.
- Ensure basic civil rights.
- Prevent crime.
- Protect critical infrastructure.
- Engage partners such as state, territorial, tribal and local governments, local law enforcement and National Guard.

5. Provide Emergency Services

Provide critical emergency services.

- Emergency management
- Police
- Fire
- Ambulance
- Medical
- Search and Rescue
- Hazmat
- Shelters
- Emergency Food Services
- Recovery Operations

6. Maintain Economic Stability

Manage the overall economy of the State government.

- Management of jurisdiction's finances
- Ensure solvency
- Maintain confidence in economic and financial institutions
- Management of money from government into economy

7. Provide Basic Essential Services

Provide basic services to the public:

- Water
- Power
- Healthcare
- Communications
- Transportation Services
- Sanitation Services
- Environmental Protection
- Commerce
- Food
- Employment
- Education
- Child/Senior/Disabled Adult Care