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## **FEMA Veteran Michael Brown Wins 2023 NGMA Impact Award**

**APRIL 12, 2023 – WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Michael Brown, CGMS, Senior Grants Management Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 6, Grants Management Division, has won the 2023 Impact Award, Public Sector from the National Grants Management Association (NGMA). He was chosen for his exemplary contributions and commitment to advancing institutional knowledge of grant administration for state, local, tribal, higher education and non-profit recipients of FEMA financial assistance.

Brown has worked with FEMA for over 30 years, serving in various roles related to financial and grants management. He serves as a subject matter expert and facilitates virtual and in-person trainings on the fundamentals of grants management. His in-person training course is one of the most requested trainings across FEMA regions. Brown is a member of the Grant Management Technical Assistance (GMTA) Subject Matter Expert Working Group and provides input on curriculum development, revision and course facilitation.

Since 2004, Brown has provided technical assistance in all phases of the grant lifecycle to 27 recipients, resulting in the proper administration of 205 federal grants and cooperative agreements totaling more than \$700 million of obligated funds. He earned the Certified Grants Management Specialist (CGMS) designation in 2017 and currently serves on its Certification Council. Brown has also served as a member and past president of the Board of Education for his local school district.

"The grants profession requires significant dedication, investment, and commitment by its members to continue to grow, recruit, and address new, emerging challenges as federal funds are continuously used in innovative manners to address the issues that threaten our quality of life in the U.S. and abroad," said NGMA President Eric J. Russell, CIA, CGAP, CGMS, MPA. "Each year, we have an opportunity to recognize a few individuals who have demonstrated this commitment to grants management and truly left their mark - individuals who continue to motivate our members, me, and those just now entering the profession. It is an honor to recognize Tiffany Kessler, Kerry Neal and Michael Brown - three grants juggernauts who continue to pave the way to excellence in our profession."

The NGMA Impact Award/Public Sector Award honors a public official at the federal, state or local level who has made a positive impact on professional grants management practice. Brown and the winners in the other NGMA Award categories (Impact Award/Private Sector and



Newton Award) were recognized at the 2023 Annual Grants Training (AGT) (April 10-13; Washington, D.C.).

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