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FEMA Announces Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing $112 million in funding available through two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). These two grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce the potential cost of natural disasters to communities and their citizens.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs provide states, tribes, territories, and local governments funding for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program provides funds on an annual basis so that measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The FY 2014 Flood Mitigation Assistance grants will continue to focus on reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP with a focus on mitigation planning and the mitigation of severe repetitive loss properties.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program provides funds on an annual basis for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster. The goal of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while at the same time, also reducing reliance on Federal funding from actual disaster declarations. The FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants will continue to focus on implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program and provide the grant funding set aside as required in the Stafford Act to states and tribes to support overall mitigation planning and projects.

Both Hazard Mitigation Assistance FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcements can be found at *www.grants.gov*. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal, which is accessible at *https://portal.fema.gov*. FEMA will open the application period on April 21, 2014. All applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2014.

Further information on these grant programs is available at *http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance*.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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FY 2014Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014*(Public Law 113-76); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

In Fiscal Year 2014, $89,000,000 is available to assist States, Tribal, Territorialand local governmentsreduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The FMA Grant Program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP.

Consistent with Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141),the FMA Grant Program changed in FY 2013 to allow more federal funds for properties with repetitive flood claims and severe repetitive loss properties, and the Repetitive Flood Claims and Severe Repetitive Loss Grant Programs were eliminated.

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance applies to the FY 2014 FMA application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 FMAwill be$89,000,000.

The FMAprogram funds willbe distributed on a competitive basis.

Eligibility

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands,Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islandsare eligible to apply for FY 2014 FMA Program funds.

Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.

Either the state emergency management agency (EMA) or the office that has primary floodplain management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for FMAprogram funds; however, only one application will be accepted from each state, tribe or territory.

Funding Guidelines

The maximum federal share for FMA sub-applications per 42 U.S.C. 4104c is as follows:

- $50,000 for state plans
- $25,000 for local plans

Additionally, a maximum 10 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the state EMA formanagement costs, and a maximum of 5 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the local EMA for management costs. For more information, please see the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement.

The period of performance for the FMAprogram begins with the opening of the application period and ends no later than 36 months from the award date.

Key FY 2014FMAChanges

- FEMA added the mitigation of repetitive loss properties as an agency priority for FY 2014.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications and sub-applications for FMAmust be submitted via the Mitigation eGrants systemon the FEMA Grants Portal:https://portal.fema.gov. If a subapplicant does not use the eGrants system, then the applicant must enter the paper sub-application(s) into the eGrants system on the sub-applicant's behalf.

FMA applications will undergo a complete eligibility review within their respective FEMA Region. FEMA Regions will review planning and project sub-applications plus one management cost subapplication submitted by each applicant through the Mitigation eGrants system to ensure compliance with the HMA Guidance, including eligibility of the applicant and sub-applicant; eligibility of proposed activities and costs; completeness of the sub-application and eligibility and availability of non-federal cost share.

FEMA will perform a Technical Review for the project sub-applications from each eligible Applicant focusing on two areas: (1) Benefit-Cost Analysis; and (2) Engineering Feasibility.

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2014 FMA grant program:

- 1st priority: Mitigation planning sub-applications consistent with 44 CFR Part 201up to a maximum of $100,000 federal share per applicant
- 2nd priority: Mitigation project sub-applications that mitigate Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties.
- 3rd priority: Mitigation project sub-applications that mitigate Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.

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FY 2014Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014*(Public Law 113-76); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events,while also reducing the reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

In Fiscal Year 2014, $23,000,000is available to assist State, Tribal Territorialand local governments reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

The PDM Grant Program was created with the goal of assisting states, tribal governments, territories and local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, Public Law 93-288, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5133).

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance applies to the FY 2014 PDM application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 PDM will be$23,000,000.

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments,American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands,Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will receive a base amount of 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or $250,000.

$5 million will be set aside for federallyrecognized tribal governments to receive up to $250,000 per tribe.

The balance of PDM program funds willbe distributed on a competitive basis.

Eligibility

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and are eligible to apply for FY 2014 PDMprogram funds.

Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.

Either the state emergency management agency (EMA) or the office that has primary emergency management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for PDM Program funds; however, only one application will be accepted from each state, tribe orterritory.

Funding Guidelines

The maximum federal share for PDM sub-applications per HMA Guidance is as follows:

- $3M for mitigation projects
- $800,000 for new mitigation plans
- $300,000 for mitigation plan updates

Additionally, a maximum 10 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the state EMA formanagement costs, and a maximum of 5 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the local EMA for management costs. For more information, please see the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement.

The period of performance for the PDM Program begins with the opening of the application period and ends no later than 24 months from the award date.

Key FY 2014PDM Changes

- Application limits were revised to allow a maximum of 11 sub-applications per applicant: 10 for mitigation planning and projects, plus 1 management cost sub-application for applicant management costs up to 10% of the total of their planning and project sub-applications.Out of the 10 mitigation planning and projects, applicants may submit a maximum of 2 project sub-applications.
- Each applicant's number one ranked sub-application must not exceed $250,000 federal share in order to be eligible for the state and tribal set asides.
- For the FY 2014 PDM program, a permanently installed generator that is a stand-alone project may be considered if the generator protects a critical facility, such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and water and sewer treatment facilities, and can be determined cost-effective via standard HMA benefit-cost methodology.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications and sub-applications for PDM must be submitted via the Mitigation eGrants systemon the FEMA Grants Portal:https://portal.fema.gov. If a sub-applicant does not use the eGrants system, then the applicant must enter the paper sub-application(s) into the eGrants system on the sub-applicant's behalf.

PDM applications will undergo a complete eligibility review within their respective FEMA Region. FEMA Regions will review the 10 highest ranked planning and project sub-applications plus one management cost sub-application submitted by each applicant through the Mitigation eGrants system to ensure compliance with the HMA Guidance, including eligibility of the applicant and sub-applicant; eligibility of proposed activities and costs; completeness of the sub-application; and eligibility and availability of non-federal cost share.

FEMA will perform a Technical Review for the two highest ranked project sub-applications from each eligible applicant focusing on two areas: (1) Benefit-Cost Analysis; and (2) Engineering Feasibility.

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2014 PDM grant program:

- 1% set aside for States/Territories/District of Columbia or$250,000 federal share
- $5 million Tribal set aside for a maximum of $250,000 federal share per tribe
- Mitigation planning sub-applications consistent with 44 CFR Part 201

    1. Plans from applicants without an open Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application period
    2. Plans from applicants with an open HMGP application period

- Mitigation project sub-applications

    1. Non-flood mitigation projects from applicants without an open HMGP application period
    2. Non-flood mitigation projects from applicants with an open HMGP application period
    3. Flood mitigation projects from applicants without an open HMGP application period
    4. Flood mitigation projects from applicants with an open HMGP application period.