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Flood Mitigation Assistance Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Funds Available for Fiscal Year 2018 Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent Due No Later than September 17, 2018

FEMA has announced the opening of the application period for Fiscal Year 2018 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant funds. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is seeking Notice of Intent (NOI) forms—project proposals—for eligible hazard mitigation activities. Extensive program details can be found in FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document](#) (although this document is labeled "Fiscal Year 2015" guidance, it is also the guidance for Fiscal Year 2018).

Purpose

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and loss of life from natural hazards, such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. FEMA's FMA and PDM programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Each of the programs is distinct and has separate eligibility criteria and program rules; however, because these programs share some common characteristics, the federal guidance document and application periods are combined. Although cost sharing requirements vary by program, most grants are funded with a 75 percent federal share and a 25 percent local match.

Some examples of eligible mitigation project activities include: construction of safe rooms; retrofit of structures for wind protection; protective measures for utility infrastructure; voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood prone structures; storm water management projects that reduce flood risk; vegetation management for dune restoration or wildfire prevention; implementation of community flood mitigation projects (FMA only); and development of a community all-hazards mitigation plan (or update of an existing hazard mitigation plan). Projects must be cost beneficial for eligibility, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project. Commonly requested activities that are **not eligible** for this funding include: early warning sirens, studies, training, preparedness actions, and generators (except for cost-effective generators that serve hospitals, police stations, fire stations, water and wastewater treatment plants).

FEMA has established the following funding priorities for the Fiscal Year 2018 funding:

FMA – 1) Community flood mitigation project development; 2) Community flood mitigation projects; 3) Flood mitigation planning, 4) Property specific flood mitigation projects

PDM – 1) Multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives; 2) Hazard Mitigation Planning; 3) projects that reduce risk to any natural hazard (e.g., seismic, wildfire, landslide, wind, flood, drought); 4) Generators for critical facilities identified in a FEMA-approved mitigation plan

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for these programs include: state agencies; Indian tribal governments; and local governments/communities. Please refer to the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document](#) for specific eligibility requirements.

NOTE: Applicants must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to apply for project grants.

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Funding

- The FMA program has \$160 million available on a nationally competitive basis.
- The PDM program has \$235 million available on a nationally competitive basis.

Application Process

To be considered for funding, an applicant must submit a NOI form to the MSP/EMHSD. A completed NOI form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity. To receive the NOI form, please contact the Hazard Mitigation Team (contact information below). The MSP/EMHSD will review the NOI forms to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. If so, the applicant will be invited to complete a grant application through FEMA's eGrants system.

Deadlines

- NOI forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than September 17, 2018.
- eGrants applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by December 14, 2018.
- After review and revision, eGrants applications are due to FEMA by January 31, 2019.

Do Not Delay

Applicants should not wait until the deadline to submit NOI forms. The sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be to develop an application.

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