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#### Flood Mitigation Assistance Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Funds Available for Fiscal Year 2019 Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent Due No Later than October 11, 2019

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the application period for Fiscal Year 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) programs open on September 30, 2019. 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 2019).

#### **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% federal share and a 25% 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 2019 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 \$250 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 team 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 October 11, 2019.
- eGrants applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by December 13, 2019.
- After review and revision, final eGrants applications are due to MSP/EMHSD by January 17, 2020 (so applications can be processed and submitted to FEMA by January 31, 2020).

#### 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.

#### Informational Webinars

FEMA will offer a series of webinars in September and October on the FY19 Notice Of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for prospective applicants and how to use Mitigation eGrants, the system that FEMA will use to accept and process all grant applications. Applicants may attend any session. Upcoming sessions are listed below:

- **NOFO Overview** - FEMA will offer a webinar on the FY19 NOFOs for prospective applicants. For the online portion, please join via the Internet: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fy19nofo/> and for audio, please call 1-800-320-4330 and enter conference code 338559.
  - Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 2 pm Eastern Time
  - Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 2 pm Eastern Time (for Tribal applicants - [https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fy19nofo\\_tribal/](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fy19nofo_tribal/))
  - Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 2 pm Eastern Time
- **eGrants for Beginners** - These webinars will be "MT eGrants 101" for basic users and new users. Topics covered will include how to access the system, where to go for help, and plenty of time for question and answer. Primarily intended for subapplicants and new users. For the online portion, please join via the Internet: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/beginnersegrants/> and for audio, please call 1-800-320-4330 and enter conference code 338559.
  - Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 9 am Eastern Time
  - Thursday, September 19, 2019 – 5 pm Eastern Time
  - Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 5 pm Eastern Time
  - Monday, October 21, 2019 – 9am Eastern Time
- **Avoiding Application Pitfalls** - FEMA will offer a webinar on common Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant application errors and how to avoid them. For the online portion, please join via the Internet: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/application-pitfalls/> and for audio, please call 1-800-320-4330 and enter conference code 338559.
  - Tuesday, October 8 at 2 pm Eastern Time
  - Tuesday, October 15 at 2 pm Eastern Time

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