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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Funds Available Statewide for Disaster DR-4494-MI and DR-4607-MI Time Sensitive - Respond as soon as Possible Notices of Intent (NOI) Due No Later than March 31, 2022

As a result of federal disasters DR-4494-MI and DR-4607-MI, hazard mitigation funding has been made available in the state of Michigan. Approximately \$41 million can be applied for to implement a variety of hazard mitigation activities.

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and/or loss of life from natural hazards, such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) HMGP provides funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Grants are funded with a 75% federal share and a 25% local match (which may include cash, third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof).

For more information and details on HMGP and qualifying projects, reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) "[Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#)" website and FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#) document (although this document is labeled "Fiscal Year 2015" guidance, it is the current version of the program guidance).

HMGP Funding Categories and Eligible Activities

[Hazard mitigation projects](#) - 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. Projects must be cost beneficial for eligibility, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project.

[Hazard mitigation plans](#) (limited to 7% of available funding) – Grants to develop or update a community all-hazards mitigation plan.

[Scoping/advanced assistance](#) (limited to 25% of available funding) - Grants to fund activities to obtain data and services required to identify and design appropriate application-ready mitigation projects and/or development of high-quality project sub-applications for future hazard mitigation funding cycles. Specific activities may include but are not limited to conducting meetings, outreach and coordination with sub-applicants and community residents, develop or conduct engineering, environmental, feasibility and/or benefit cost analysis, development of applications, evaluating facilities to identify mitigation activities and staffing and/or resources to develop cost-share strategies.

[5 Percent initiative projects](#) (limited to 5% of available funding) – Grants to fund hazard mitigation projects which are difficult to evaluate using traditional program cost-effectiveness criteria and methodologies. Some examples of 5 percent initiative projects include: use, evaluation, and application of new, unproven mitigation techniques, technologies, methods, procedures, or products; equipment and systems for the purpose of warning citizens of impending hazards; public awareness or education campaigns about mitigation. These funds are not eligible to be used in situations where the mitigation activities can be evaluated under FEMA-approved cost-effectiveness methodologies but do not meet the required Benefit Cost Analysis threshold.

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[Ineligible Activities](#) - Commonly requested activities that are **not eligible** for this funding include: Training, preparedness actions, and generators (except for cost-effective generators that serve hospitals, police stations, fire stations, water, and wastewater treatment plants). Examples of completed hazard mitigation projects can be found in FEMA's [HMA Mitigation Action Portfolio](#).

Applicant Eligibility

The MSP/EMHSD is the applicant for the state of Michigan. Eligible sub-applicants for HMGP include state agencies; Indian tribal governments; and local governments/communities; and certain private non-profit organizations. Sub-applicants must have a valid, FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan that identifies and prioritizes the proposed project at the time of grant award. Please refer to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document for specific eligibility requirements.

Application Process

To be considered for funding, an applicant must submit a NOI form to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (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.

Deadlines

- Notice of Intent (NOI) forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than March 31, 2022.
- Applications are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by June 1, 2022.

Do Not Delay

Potential sub-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 a subapplication.

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