

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE MITIGATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY **FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FMA)**

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WHAT IS THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) is a nationally competitive annual grant opportunity through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FMA provides funding to States, Territories, federally recognized tribes and local communities for projects and planning that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the NFIP. FMA funding is also available for management costs. Funding is appropriated by Congress annually. In Fiscal Year 2020, **\$160,000,000** in Flood Mitigation Assistance is available to assist States, Tribal, Territorial and local governments in reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This funding is available to successful applicants at a 75% federal, 25% non-federal cost share.

WHO IS ELLIGIBLE?

States, territories, federally recognized tribes and local governments are eligible to serve as sub-applicants for Flood Mitigation Assistance. Individual homeowners and businesses can apply; however, an eligible sub-applicant must apply on their behalf.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Eligible applicants who wish to apply should email the State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Anne Fuchs, to state their interest and project intent by **October 30, 2020**. Each applicant will also need to register as a sub-applicant in the new FEMA GO web portal located at <https://go.fema.gov/login?redirect=%2F>.

WHAT IS THE FEMA GO SYSTEM?

FEMA GO is the grants management system to use for applying for the Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) non-disaster hazard mitigation grant programs. FEMA GO will ultimately replace the eGrants system which will remain online to manage fiscal year 2019 and prior year grants. Steps required to register and submit an application are clearly outlined on pages 9-11 of the *FY20 Flood Mitigation Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity*.

WHAT IS THE FEMA GO APPLICATION PROCESS?

In the application process, sub-applicant users complete sub-grant applications and submit them to their State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Sub-applicants should consult the State Hazard Mitigation Officer in their state for more information regarding the application process. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer will review and approve the sub-grant applications submitted from sub-applicants and create a grant application on behalf of the state for submittal to FEMA.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE THROUGH BRIC?

FEMA will fund the following uses of assistance through FMA:

Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance) to develop community flood mitigation projects and/or individual flood mitigation projects that will subsequently reduce flood claims against the NFIP.

Community Flood Mitigation Projects to address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.

Technical Assistance to maintain a viable FMA program over time. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must have received a Fiscal Year 2019 FMA Award of at least a \$1 million federal share.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning to plan sub-applications for the flood hazard component of SLTT's hazard mitigation plans and updates to plans.

Individual Flood Mitigation Projects that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP insured structures. FEMA may rank sub-applications higher in each of the above priorities where the average elevation federal cost share is less than \$250,000 for all single-family dwelling units and the average acquisition federal cost share is less than \$750,000 for all single-family dwelling units. FEMA will select eligible individual flood mitigation projects based on Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) or Repetitive Loss (RL) status.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS?

Some common examples of hazard mitigation projects include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition/Demolition
- Structure Elevation
- Localized Flood Control
- Floodwater Storage and Diversion
- Floodplain and Stream Restoration
- Stormwater Management
- Wetland Restoration/Creation
- Project Scoping to Obtain Data for Future Flood Mitigation Projects

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

Sub-applicant applications are to be submitted via the FEMA GO system no later than end of business on **December 15, 2020**. Applications will then be reviewed and ranked by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer before formal submission to FEMA on **January 29, 2021**.

TRAINING RESOURCES

A number of resources have been included on MEMA's mitigation grants webpage for easy access, however additional information can be found on the "Resources for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program" website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods/fma-resources>

FEMA GO HELPDESK

For assistance with the FEMA GO system, users can contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk via email at femago@fema.dhs.gov or phone at 1-877-611-4700.