



**FEMA**

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Janet T. Mills  
Governor  
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Reference: Approval of the *2023 Maine State Hazard Mitigation Plan*

Governor Mills:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 Mitigation Division has approved the *2023 Maine State Hazard Mitigation Plan* effective **September 28, 2023 through September 27, 2028**. This plan is approved in accordance with applicable mitigation planning regulations and policy requirements.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, this plan **met** the requirements of the High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) Grant Program to address all dam risks and the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAG) to address wildfire risks and mitigation measures.

A FEMA-approved State Mitigation Plan is a condition of receiving certain FEMA non-emergency assistance and mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Public Assistance Categories C-G (PA C-G)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire (HMGP – Post Fire)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund Program
- Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG)
- Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams Program (HHPD)

Approval of a mitigation plan does not guarantee funding under any FEMA program. Please refer to the individual FEMA non-emergency assistance and mitigation grant program policy and/or annual Notice of Funding Opportunity for specific application and eligibility requirements for the FEMA programs listed above.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201; and the “Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act,” or the “WIIN Act,” on December 16, 2016, which amends the National Dam Safety Program Act (Pub. L. 92-367).

The State Mitigation Plan must be reviewed and revised to reflect changes in development, progress in statewide mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities and resubmitted for approval to the FEMA Region 1 Mitigation Division prior to the expiration date. Please allow sufficient time for FEMA's 45-day review, State adoption, formal approval, including any revisions that may be needed. FEMA will provide a reminder at least 12 months before the plan expiration date of the consequences of not having an approved mitigation plan, which is required to apply for and receive funding for FEMA non-emergency assistance and mitigation grant programs.

If at any time over the plan approval period, FEMA determines that the State is not complying with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect during the periods for which it receives funding or is unable to fulfill mitigation commitments, FEMA may take action to correct the noncompliance (44 CFR §§ 201.3[b][5] and 201.4[c][7]). State and FEMA responsibilities are outlined in Section 2, Roles and Responsibilities of the *State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide*.

Thank you for your continued commitment to hazard mitigation planning in support of a resilient State of Maine. We look forward to working with you to discuss the implementation of the State mitigation program each year over the approval period. If we can be of assistance, please contact Marie-Annette (Nan) Johnson at (617) 378-8024 and [nan.johnson@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:nan.johnson@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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**Attachment:** Final State Mitigation Plan Review Tool

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