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Program Information **Mitigation**

The Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs present a critical opportunity to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards while simultaneously reducing reliance on Federal disaster funds.

A Common Goal

While the statutory origins of the programs differ, all share the common goal of reducing the risk of loss of life and property due to natural hazards.

Funding Disaster Recovery Efforts

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may provide funds to States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, local governments, and eligible private non-profits following a Presidential major disaster declaration.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (the Stafford Act), Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.) 5170c. The key purpose of HMGP is to ensure that the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters is not lost during the reconstruction process following a disaster. HMGP is available, when authorized under a Presidential major disaster declaration, in the areas of the State requested by the Governor. The amount of HMGP funding available to the Applicant is based upon the total Federal assistance to be provided by FEMA for disaster recovery under the Presidential major disaster declaration.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133. The PDM program is designed to assist States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (NFIA), 42 U.S.C. 4104c, with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program is authorized by Section 1323 of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4030, with the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time.

The Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4102a, with the goal of reducing flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest amount of savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time.

Additional HMA resources, including the HMA Unified Guidance, may be accessed at www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm

Program Comparisons

Cost Sharing

In general, HMA funds may be used to pay up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible costs are derived from non-Federal sources.

The table below outlines the Federal and State cost share requirements.

COST SHARE REQUIREMENTS

Programs	Mitigation Activity Grant (Percent of Federal/ Non-Federal Share)
HMGP	75/25
PDM	75/25
PDM (subgrantee is small impoverished community)	90/10
PDM (Tribal grantee is small impoverished community)	90/10
FMA	75/25
FMA (severe repetitive loss property with Repetitive Loss Strategy)	90/10
RFC	100/0
SRL	75/25
SRL (with Repetitive Loss Strategy)	90/10

Eligible Applicants and Subapplicants

States, Territories, and Indian Tribal governments are eligible HMA Applicants. Each State, Territory, and Indian Tribal government shall designate one agency to serve as the Applicant for each HMA program. All interested subapplicants must apply to the Applicant.

The table below identifies, in general, eligible subapplicants.

ELIGIBLE SUBAPPLICANTS

Subapplicants	HMGP	PDM	FMA	RFC	SRL
State agencies	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Indian Tribal governments	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Local governments/communities	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Private non-profit organizations (PNPs)	✔				

✔ = Subapplicant is eligible for program funding

Individuals and businesses are not eligible to apply for HMA funds, however, an eligible subapplicant may apply for funding to mitigate private structures. RFC funds are only available to subapplicants who cannot meet the cost share requirements of the FMA program.

Available Funding

PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL are subject to the availability of appropriations funding, as well as any directive or restriction made with respect to such funds.

HMGP funding depends on Federal assistance provided for disaster recovery.

General Requirements

All mitigation projects must be cost-effective, be both engineering and technically feasible, and meet Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation requirements in accordance with HMA Unified Guidance. In addition, all mitigation activities must adhere to all relevant statutes, regulations, and requirements including other applicable Federal, State, Indian Tribal, and local laws, implementing regulations, and Executive Orders.

All Applicants and subapplicants must have hazard mitigation plans that meet the requirements of 44 CFR Part 201.

Eligible Activities

The table below summarizes eligible activities that may be funded by HMA programs. Detailed descriptions of these activities can be found in the HMA Unified Guidance.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Mitigation Activities	HMGP	PDM	FMA	RFC	SRL
1. Mitigation Projects	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Structure Elevation	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Mitigation Reconstruction					✔
Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Dry Floodproofing of Non-Residential Structures	✔	✔	✔	✔	
Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings	✔	✔			
Non-Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities	✔	✔			
Safe Room Construction	✔	✔			
Infrastructure Retrofit	✔	✔			
Soil Stabilization	✔	✔			
Wildfire Mitigation	✔	✔			
Post-Disaster Code Enforcement	✔				
5% Initiative Projects	✔				
2. Hazard Mitigation Planning	✔	✔	✔		
3. Management Costs	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

✔ = Mitigation activity is eligible for program funding

Management Costs

For HMGP only: The Grantee may request up to 4.89 percent of the HMGP allocation for management costs. The Grantee is responsible for determining the amount, if any, of funds that will be passed through to the subgrantee(s) for their management costs.

Applicants for PDM, FMA, RFC, or SRL may apply for a maximum of 10 percent of the total funds requested in their grant application budget (Federal and non-Federal shares) for management costs to support the project and planning subapplications included as part of their grant application.

Subapplicants for PDM, FMA, RFC, or SRL may apply for a maximum of 5 percent of the total funds requested in a subapplication for management costs.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Participation

There are a number of ways that HMA eligibility is related to the NFIP:

SUBAPPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: All subapplicants for FMA, RFC, or SRL must currently be participating in the NFIP, and not withdrawn or suspended, to be eligible to apply for grant funds. Certain non-participating political subdivisions (i.e., regional flood control districts or county governments) may apply and act as subgrantee on behalf of the NFIP-participating community in areas where the political subdivision provides zoning and building code enforcement or planning and community development professional services for that community.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: HMGP and PDM mitigation project subapplications for projects sited within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are eligible only if the jurisdiction in which the project is located is participating in the NFIP. There is no NFIP participation requirement for HMGP and PDM project subapplications located outside of the SFHA.

PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY: Properties included in a project subapplication for FMA, RFC, and SRL funding must be NFIP-insured at the time of the application submittal. Flood insurance must be maintained at least through completion of the mitigation activity.

Application Process

Applications for HMGP are processed through the National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS). Applicants use the Application Development Module of NEMIS, which enables each Applicant to create project applications and submit them to the appropriate FEMA Region in digital format for the relevant disaster.

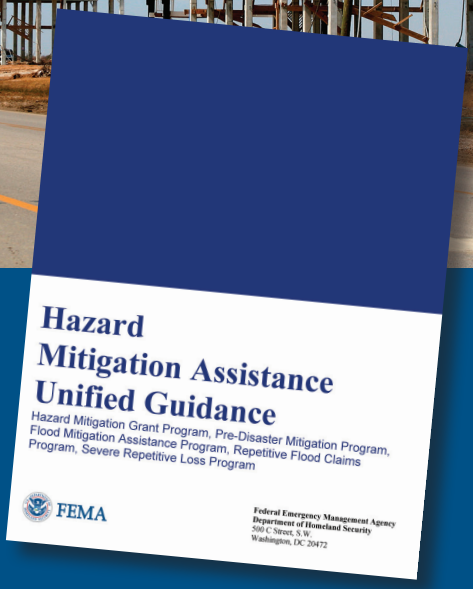
Applications for PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL are processed through a web-based, electronic grants management system (eGrants), which encompasses the entire grant application process. The eGrants system allows Applicants and subapplicants to apply for and manage their mitigation grant application processes electronically. Applicants and subapplicants can access eGrants at https://portal.fema.gov.

Application Deadline

The PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL application period is from early June through early December. Applicants must submit a grant application to FEMA through the eGrants system. The HMGP application deadline is 12 months after the disaster declaration date and is not part of the annual application period. Details can be found in the HMA Unified Guidance.

FEMA Review and Selection

All subapplications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness, cost-effectiveness, engineering feasibility and effectiveness, and for Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation compliance. Subapplications that do not pass these reviews will not be considered for funding. FEMA will notify Applicants of the status of their subapplications and will work with Applicants on subapplications identified for further review.



Details about the HMA Grant Application process can be found in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance, which is available at www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm

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Contact Information

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Contact information for FEMA Regional Offices is provided at **www.fema.gov/about/contact/regions.shtm**

Contact information for each State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) is provided at **www.fema.gov/about/contact/shmo.shtm**

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