FEMA

Fact Sheet

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

FY 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

As appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Proper Public Law 116-6), the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

In Fiscal Year 2019, $160 million in Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), is available to assist states, tribal, territorial and local governments in reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The FMA grant program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. Consistent with Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141), the FMA grant program is focused on mitigating repetitive loss (RL) properties and severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties.

The FY 2019 FMA application cycle will be implemented as it has been in recent application cycles and will prioritize $70 million of the $160 million available under FMA for community flood mitigation projects and FMA advance assistance. FEMA's grant recipients and subrecipients have continued to ask for community level flood mitigation funding, so this will again be a primary focus for the FY 2019 FMA application cycle.

- Advance Assistance - Funding will be provided to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. This design work will facilitate viable projects for future grant applications.
- Community Flood Mitigation Projects - The remaining set aside will fund projects for proven techniques that integrate cost effective natural floodplain restoration solutions and improvements to NFIP-insured properties that benefit communities with high participation and favorable standing in the NFIP.

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance (2015) applies to the FY 2019 FMA application cycle and applicants are encouraged to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement and the HMA Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

Funding

Since of the $160 million available under the FY 2019 FMA grant program, $70 million has been prioritized for community flood mitigation proposals, the remaining $90 million is available for other FMA priorities. FEMA will select remaining eligible applications once all priorities are met based on benefits to the NFIP.