



HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is pleased to announce the availability of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for Presidential Declaration: DR-4472: Severe Storms and Flooding.

FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: **\$3,700,000 (estimated for projects)**
 \$260,000 (estimated for planning)

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: **Implementing Hazard Mitigation Projects and
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning**

DATE ANNOUNCED: **August 24, 2020**

LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI) DUE: **Wednesday, September 30, 2020 @ 5:00 PM**

What is the HMGP?

After a Presidential declaration, New York State receives HMGP funds to administer grant programs that support mitigation planning and long-term hazard mitigation measures that enhance the State's resiliency posture, avoid loss of life, and reduce damages to improved property.

- **The State of New York**, acting through DHSES, is the applicant for FEMA's HMGP.
- **Eligible subapplicants:** State-level agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, local governments (to include State-recognized Indian Tribes and authorized Indian Tribal organizations), and certain Private Non-Profits (PNPs) that perform a government-like function. Agencies and groups determined to be eligible applicants under FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program, which helps rebuild facilities and infrastructure after a disaster, are also eligible subapplicants under the HMGP.
- **Ineligible subapplicants for HMGP assistance include** private individuals, businesses and institutions; however, eligible subapplicants may apply on their behalf.
- **FEMA's planning requirement must be met** by all subapplicants at the time of project approval, *and* applications must document that the project is identified in that plan.
- **HMGP-funded projects must be cost-effective** through verification that future benefits (losses avoided) are equal to or greater than the project's cost.
- **HMGP provides up to 75%** reimbursement of eligible costs, not to exceed the award. The remaining 25% non-federal match will be the responsibility of the sub-applicant. The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. While most Federal funds cannot be used for the non-federal match, there are some exceptions¹.
- **Information about the HMGP** and all program requirements are available in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance and Addendum (February 27, 2015).

¹ Exceptions include Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) payouts from a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy, and many HUD funds.

Please note: Two (2) additional FEMA mitigation programs were announced in August 2020:

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (replaces the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program), and
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).

LOIs submitted for DR-4472 HMGP will not be automatically applied for these programs; however, we encourage subapplicants to submit eligible projects for all grant opportunities and will work with communities to identify where those opportunities exist.

State Priorities for Project Grants

The HMGP allows NYS to establish priorities that target damaged areas and enhance its resiliency posture by promoting strategies and activities identified in the NYS Standard Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. HMGP funding will be available Statewide. The State will give preference in the following order:

- Acquisition of structures for demolition or relocation in declared counties for DR-4472².
- All other eligible type projects in declared counties for DR-4472.
- Acquisition of structures for demolition or relocation in non-declared counties for DR-4472.
- All other eligible type projects in non-declared counties for DR-4472.

For a complete list of eligible project types, see page 33 of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance (February 27, 2015).

State Priorities for Planning Grants

The State will give preference in the following order to eligible planning activities in counties that:

- Do not have a current, FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Do not have secured grant funding in place for development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Do not have anticipated funding in place for development of a Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Have existing plans that expire prior to the plans of other sub-applicants.
- Will transition to a web-based platform that integrates with the NYS Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Funding may be prorated based on available funds; however, total dollars requested may not exceed HMGP planning caps established by FEMA based on county population as follows:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Cap:</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Federal Share</u>
up to 100,000 residents		\$150,000	\$112,500
up to 500,000 residents		\$200,000	\$150,000
up to 1,000,000 residents		\$250,000	\$187,500
more than 1,000,000 residents		\$500,000	\$375,000

² Declared counties for DR-4472: Chautauqua, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Essex, Fulton, Jefferson, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, Saratoga, Tioga, and Warren

How to Apply

There are four (4) LOIs for this grant cycle: Planning, Acquisition, Elevation, and All Other Project Types. Choose the LOI appropriate to your request(s), provide all requested information, and submit by **September 30, 2020 @ 5:00 pm to:**

- HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov

Letters of Intent can be found at www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/.

Resources:

Additional Guidance Documents for HMGP can be found on DHSES's website www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/:

- FEMA's 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance: www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/mitigation/documents/FY-2015-HMA-Unified-Guide.pdf
- FEMA's 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance addendum at: www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/mitigation/documents/FY-2015-Addendum-HMA-Unified-Guide.pdf

Questions

Please submit any questions to: HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov

To disseminate program information to the widest possible audience, DHSES places program information on its website and asks that County Emergency Managers, Mitigation Coordinators, and other recipients of this notice forward the information to interested eligible subapplicants. For more information, please visit www.dhses.ny.gov/recovery/.