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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds Available Statewide

Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent Due No Later than March 13, 2015

Mitigation funding is available in the state of Michigan as a result of federal disaster **DR-4195-MI**. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is seeking Notice of Intent (NOI) forms—project proposals—for eligible Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) activities. Extensive program details can be found in FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document](#).

Purpose

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and/or loss of life from natural hazards, such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. FEMA's HMGP provides funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Grants are funded with a 75 percent federal share and a 25 percent local match.

Some examples of eligible mitigation project activities include: development of a community all-hazards mitigation plan (or update of an existing hazard mitigation plan); voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood prone structures; construction of safe rooms (for protection from severe winds); retrofit of structures for wind protection; protective measures for utility infrastructure; storm water management projects that reduce flood risk; and vegetation management for dune restoration or wildfire prevention. Projects must be demonstrated to be cost beneficial to be considered eligible for HMGP funds, meaning the anticipated costs savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the HMGP include: state agencies; Indian tribal governments; local governments/communities; and private non-profit organizations. Please refer to the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document](#) for specific eligibility requirements.

NOTE: Applicants must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to apply for project grants.

Funding

Awards from the DR-4195-MI HMGP will be available on a statewide competitive basis. The amount of available funds is not yet known but will be based on a percentage of FEMA disaster recovery expenditures. Current estimates are projected to be approximately \$20 million.

Application Process

To be considered for funding, an applicant must submit a NOI to the MSP/EMHSD. A completed NOI form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity. To receive the NOI form, please contact Mr. Joel Pepper at (517) 336-2039 or Mr. Matt Schnepf at (517) 336-2040. The MSP/EMHSD will review the NOIs to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. If so, the applicant will be invited to complete a grant application through FEMA's eGrants system. Additionally, the applicant will be asked to attend an application development workshop presented by FEMA (to be scheduled later).

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NOTE: It is anticipated that FEMA will announce the opening of the 2015 application period for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program in the spring of 2015. NOIs not selected for submission under DR-4195-MI HMGP may be submitted for 2015 FMA or PDM.

Deadlines

- NOIs must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than March 13, 2015.
- eGrants applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by June 15, 2015.
- After review and revision, eGrants applications are due to FEMA by September 25, 2015.

Do Not Delay

Applicants should not wait until the deadline to submit NOIs. The sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be to develop an application.

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