



# Michigan State Police

## Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

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#### **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program Funds Available for FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program Funds Available for FY 2014**

#### **Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent Due No Later than May 30, 2014**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened the application period for **Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 FMA and PDM** on April 21, 2014. Extensive program details can be found in FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) 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 FMA and PDM programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Each of the programs is distinct and has separate eligibility criteria and program rules; however, because these programs share some common characteristics, the federal guidance document and application periods are combined. Although cost sharing requirements vary by program, most 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.

Project eligibility varies by grant program, so refer to the [HMA Unified Guidance document](#) for program-specific requirements. For each program, it must be demonstrated that a project is cost beneficial for it to be considered eligible, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Eligible subapplicants for the FMA and PDM programs include: state agencies and institutions; federally-recognized tribal governments; local governments; and public colleges and universities. Applicant eligibility varies by program, so refer to the [HMA Unified Guidance document](#) for specific program requirements.

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

#### **FEMA FUNDING PRIORITIES:**

FEMA has established program priorities to use for ranking of grant applications during their selection process for the FMA and PDM.

FMA funding priorities are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority: Mitigation planning applications up to \$100,000 federal share.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority: Mitigation project applications that mitigate "severe repetitive loss" properties.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority: Mitigation project applications that mitigate "repetitive loss" properties.

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PDM funding priorities are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority: Mitigation planning applications.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority: Non-flood hazard mitigation project applications.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority: Flood hazard mitigation project applications.

Program funds available:

- The FMA program has \$89 million available on a nationally competitive basis.
- The PDM program has \$23 million available on a nationally competitive basis.

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

In order to be considered for funding, an applicant must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD). 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 eligible for grant funding. If so, the applicant will be invited to complete a grant application through FEMA's eGrants system.

**NOTE: The eGrants system is the required application system for FMA and PDM. No paper applications will be accepted.**

### DEADLINES:

- **NOIs must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than May 30, 2014.**
- eGrants applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by June 25, 2014.
- After review and revision, eGrants applications are due to FEMA by July 25, 2014.

### DO NOT DELAY:

NOIs will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, so the sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be for an applicant to develop an application. Additionally, FEMA Region V will be hosting application development webinars for applicants on May 14, 15, and 27. Submission of NOIs in advance of these sessions will allow for jurisdictions to participate in the webinars. Participating would be to a jurisdiction's advantage as the goal of these webinars is to assist in developing successful applications.

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