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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds Available for Infrastructure Flood Mitigation in Southeast Michigan Time Sensitive - Respond as soon as Possible Notices of Intent (NOI) Due No Later than November 01, 2021

As a result of the DR-4494-MI federal disaster, hazard mitigation funding has been made available in the state of Michigan. This funding will be available for the following: hazard mitigation projects in the Southeast region of Michigan, state-wide eligible hazard mitigation projects, hazard mitigation plan development and updates, and purchasing of warning sirens.

At this time, 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) flood mitigation activities in the Southeast region of Michigan. This region includes the following counties: Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, and Washtenaw. Approximately \$28 million in federal funds will be available for eligible infrastructure solutions to mitigate flooding in this region.

For more information and details on HMGP and qualifying projects, reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) "[Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#)" website and FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance](#) document (although this document is labeled "Fiscal Year 2015" guidance, it is the current version of the program guidance).

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. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) HMGP provides funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Grants are funded with a 75% federal share and a 25% local match (which may include cash, third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof).

Some examples of eligible flood mitigation project activities include: Voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood-prone residential and non-residential structures; localized flood control; floodwater storage and diversion; floodplain and stream restoration; stormwater management; and wetland restoration/creation. Projects must be cost beneficial for eligibility, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project.

Also eligible are project scoping/advanced assistance projects to fund activities to obtain data and services required to identify and design appropriate application-ready mitigation projects and/or development of high-quality project subapplications. Specific activities may include but are not limited to conducting meetings, outreach and coordination with sub-applicants and community residents, develop or conduct engineering, environmental, feasibility and/or benefit cost analysis, development of applications, evaluating facilities to identify mitigation activities and staffing and/or resources to develop cost-share strategies.

Commonly requested activities that are **not eligible** for this funding include: Training, preparedness actions, and generators (except for cost-effective generators that serve hospitals, police stations, fire stations, water, and wastewater treatment plants). Examples of completed hazard mitigation projects can be found in [FEMA's HMA Mitigation Action Portfolio](#).

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Eligibility

The MSP/EMHSD is the applicant for the state of Michigan. Eligible sub-applicants for HMGP include state agencies; Indian tribal governments; and local governments/communities; and certain private non-profit organizations. Sub-applicants must have a valid, FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan that identifies and prioritizes the proposed project at the time of grant award. Please refer to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance document for specific eligibility requirements.

Application Process

To be considered for funding, an applicant must submit a NOI form to the MSP/EMHSD. A completed NOI form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity. To receive the NOI form, please contact the Hazard Mitigation Team (contact information below). The MSP/EMHSD team will review the NOI forms to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. If so, the applicant will be invited to complete a grant application.

Deadlines

- NOI forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than November 1, 2021.
- Applications are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by February 4, 2022.

Do Not Delay

Potential sub-applicants should not wait until the deadline to submit NOI forms. The sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be to develop a subapplication.

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