

## TAB F- MITIGATION

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency Mitigation Branch administers five mitigation grant programs and a mitigation planning program. The five mitigation grant programs are referred to collectively as the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs and include: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) and the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program. The HMGP is made available only after a Presidential disaster declaration; the other four mitigation grant programs have annual application cycles. The current HMA fact sheet that is part of this tab contains information on cost sharing, eligible activities, and general program requirements. In general, any proposed activity must be cost effective, technically feasible, and meet environmental and historic preservation requirements. Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch staff is available to provide technical assistance on project development and implementation.

Hazard mitigation plans are the foundation of a community's long term strategy to reduce risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The mitigation planning process requires that communities identify the hazards that are present, analyze the risk to people, property and infrastructure, and develop actions that can be implemented to reduce risk. State and local governments are required to develop natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain types of disaster assistance. Local natural hazard mitigation plans must be updated at least every five years, approved by FEMA, and adopted locally in order to be eligible for HMA grants. In Ohio, most communities are part of a countywide natural hazard mitigation plan. Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch staff is available to provide technical assistance on mitigation planning.

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the sequence of events that will occur following Presidential disaster declaration. Therefore, only HMGP will be discussed in detail since local officials must take actions after a declaration to participate in the HMGP.

### **HMGP Application Overview**

After a Presidential disaster declaration, mitigation briefings will be scheduled generally from two to four weeks after the declaration. Briefings are usually coordinated through the county emergency management office. Examples of local officials that should be invited to this briefing include: county and municipal floodplain administrators, planners, community development officials, etc. After the briefing, attendees will be given a short period of time to prepare and submit an HMGP pre-application (see attached sample). Pre-applications are normally due to Ohio EMA within 60-days of the disaster declaration.

The State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) will convene to review the pre-applications and identify which pre-applicants should develop full project applications. Criteria that the SHMT evaluates includes: project eligibility and effectiveness, local mitigation plan status, NFIP participation status. After a full application has been developed, the SHMT will convene again to prioritize project applications, based upon established criteria, and determine which projects should be forwarded to FEMA for approval. All projects funded under HMGP must be cost effective and meet environmental and historic preservation requirements. After FEMA approval, the project is implemented. The total time from disaster declaration until project completion can range from 2 to 4 years.

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STATE OF OHIO  
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Pre-Application Form  
Section 404-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
FEMA-DR-XXXX-OH

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. LOCATION OF PROJECT: (Road or street address, geographic landmarks, legal description, etc. Include legible maps/drawings of the location. Provide a map showing the range and section for the project area.)  
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5. IS PROJECT LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(If yes, attach a map with the location)  
DATE OF FLOOD MAP: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: (INCLUDE APPROXIMATE DATE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR STRUCTURES IN ACQUISITION/ELEVATION PROJECTS)  
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7. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM:  
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8. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGES AND THE REDUCTION IN FUTURE DAMAGES (include damages to improved property, infrastructure, public safety costs, economic impact, etc.):

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9. FREQUENCY THAT DAMAGES OCCUR (Number of times or the years that the event has occurred causing damages, etc.):

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10. HOW DOES THE PROPOSED PROJECT ELIMINATE OR REDUCE FUTURE DAMAGES? ALSO INCLUDE FUTURE LAND USE PLANS:

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11. LIST STRUCTURES WITH FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE:

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12. OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEM (List at least two):

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13. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT: **MANDATORY**

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14. SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR APPLICANT SHARE (25% Non-Federal): **MANDATORY**

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ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT IS PERTINENT TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND WILL SUPPORT THE APPLICATION.

**RETURN COMPLETED PRE-APPLICATION FORM BY [DATE] TO:**  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, MITIGATION BRANCH  
2855 WEST DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD  
COLUMBUS, OH 43235



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# Program Information Mitigation



## Hazard Mitigation Assistance

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs present a critical opportunity to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards while simultaneously reducing reliance on Federal disaster funds.

### A COMMON GOAL

While the statutory origins of the programs differ, all share the common goal of reducing the risk of loss of life and property due to natural hazards.

### FUNDING DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may provide funds to States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, local governments, and eligible private non-profits following a Presidential major disaster declaration .

## The Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

### Authorities and Purpose

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (**HMGP**) is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (the Stafford Act), Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.) 5170c. The key purpose of HMGP is to ensure that the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters is not lost during the reconstruction process following a disaster. HMGP is available, when authorized under the Presidential major disaster declaration, in the areas of the State requested by the Governor. The amount of HMGP funding available to the



Applicant is based upon the total Federal assistance to be provided by FEMA for disaster recovery under the major disaster declaration.

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (**PDM**) program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133. The PDM program is designed to assist States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future major disaster declarations.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (**FMA**) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (NFIA), 42 U.S.C. 4104c, with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Repetitive Flood Claims (**RFC**) program is authorized by Section 1323 of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4030, with the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time.

The Severe Repetitive Loss (**SRL**) program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4102A, with the goal of reducing flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest amount of savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time.



Additional HMA resources, including the HMA Unified Guidance may be accessed at [www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm)

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## Cost Share Requirements

### COST SHARE

In general, HMA funds may be used to pay up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible costs are derived from non-Federal sources.

The table to the right outlines exceptions to the 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal share.

Programs	Mitigation Activity Grant (Percent of Federal/Non-Federal Share)
HMGP	75/25
PDM	75/25
PDM—subgrantee is small impoverished community	90/10
PDM—Tribal grantee is small impoverished community	90/10
FMA	75/25
FMA—severe repetitive loss property with Repetitive Loss Strategy	90/10
RFC	100/0
SRL	75/25
SRL—with Repetitive Loss Strategy	90/10

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND SUBAPPLICANTS

States, Territories, and Indian Tribal governments are eligible HMA Applicants. Each State, Territory, and Indian Tribal government shall designate one agency to serve as the Applicant for each HMA program.

All interested subapplicants must apply to the Applicant. The table to the left identifies, in general, eligible subapplicants. For specific details regarding eligible subapplicants, refer to 44 CFR Part 206.434(a) for HMGP and 44 CFR Part 79.6(a) for FMA and SRL. For HMGP and PDM see 44 CFR Part 206.2(16) for a definition of local governments.

## Eligible Subapplicants

✓ Subapplicant is eligible for program funding

	HMGP	PDM	FMA	RFC	SRL
State agencies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribal governments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local governments/communities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private non-profit organizations (PNPs)	✓				

Individuals and businesses are not eligible to apply for HMA funds, however, an eligible subapplicant may apply for funding to mitigate private structures. RFC funds are only available to subapplicants who cannot meet the cost share requirements of the FMA program.

## Available Funding

HMA programs are subject to the availability of appropriation funding or funding based on disaster recovery expenditures, as well as any directive or restriction made with respect to such funds.

HMGP funding depends on federal assistance provided for disaster recovery, while PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL funding is appropriated annually by Congress.

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## NFIP INFORMATION

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to help provide a means for property owners to financially protect themselves. The NFIP offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed FEMA requirements to reduce the risk of flooding.

Find out more about the NFIP and how it can help you protect yourself.

<http://www.floodsmart.gov>

## MITIGATION ELECTRONIC GRANTS SYSTEM

For PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL, FEMA has developed a web-based, Electronic Grants (eGrants) management system to allow States, Federally-recognized Indian Tribal governments, territories, and local governments to apply for and manage their mitigation grant application processes electronically.

## National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Participation



### NFIP Participation Requirement

There are a number of ways that HMA eligibility is related to the NFIP.

- **Subapplicant eligibility:** All subapplicants for FMA, RFC, or SRL must currently be participating in the NFIP, and not withdrawn or suspended, to be eligible to apply for grant funds. Certain non-participating political subdivisions (i.e., regional flood control districts or county governments) may apply and act as subgrantee on behalf of the NFIP-participating community in areas where the political subdivision provides zoning and building code enforcement or planning and community development professional services for that community.
- **Project eligibility:** HMGP and PDM mitigation project subapplications for projects sited within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are eligible only if the jurisdiction in which the project is located is participating in the NFIP. There is no NFIP participation requirement for HMGP and PDM planning subapplications or project subapplications located outside of the SFHA.
- **Property eligibility:** Properties included in a project subapplication for FMA, RFC, and SRL funding must be NFIP-insured at the time of the application submittal. Flood insurance must be maintained at least through completion of the mitigation activity.

## Mitigation Plan Requirement

All Applicants and subapplicants must have hazard mitigation plans meeting the requirements of 44 CFR Part 201.

## Application Process

Applications for HGMP are processed through the National Emergency Management Information System (NEMIS). Applicants use the Application Development Module of NEMIS, which enables each Applicant to create project applications and submit them to the appropriate FEMA Region in digital format for the relevant disaster.

Applications for PDM, FMA, RFC, and SRL are processed through the Electronic Grants (eGrants) system. The eGrants system encompasses the entire grant application process and provides the means to electronically create, review, and submit a grant application to FEMA via the Internet. Applicants and subapplicants can access eGrants at <https://portal.fema.gov>.

