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Mitigation Grant General Information

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm>

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm>

This is a grant based on a “declared disaster”. A portion of the money allocated for the disaster is set aside for mitigation projects. These projects DO NOT have to be related to the declared disaster. ALL municipalities in the state are eligible to apply even if they were not affected by disaster. This grant is competitive within the state. These grants tend to be very slow moving. They can take several years for approval and funding to come through. You can view declared disasters for New York at http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters_state.fema?id=36

DR-1943 just closed the eligibility window. DR-1957 and DR-1993 should have eligibility windows for mitigation funding in the upcoming months.

FY 2012 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program:

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/programs/fy2012.cfm>

This is a way of combining four Hazard Mitigation Project Grants in one application; Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL). Some projects may be eligible for more than one of the grant programs. You have to read the requirements of each grant program. If you think your project is eligible for multiple grant programs, mark those programs on the Letter of Intent (LOI). These grants will be filed electronically and will be competitive throughout the United States. If your project does not get approved for the first program, it will automatically be entered into the next program.

Availability:

LOIs for FY 2012 Unified HMA grants MUST be faxed by 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 19, 2011.

Check the state website to see what grants are available at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/>

Cost sharing for various grants:

Programs	Mitigation Activity (Percent of Federal/Non-Federal Share)	Management Costs (Percent of Federal/Non-Federal Share)	
		Grantee	Subgrantee
HMGP	75/25	100/0*	-/-**
PDM	75/25	75/25	75/25
PDM – subgrantee is small impoverished community	90/10	75/25	90/10
PDM – Tribal Grantee is small impoverished community	90/10	90/10	90/10
FMA	75/25	75/25	75/25
FMA – severe repetitive loss property with Repetitive Loss Strategy	90/10	90/10	90/10
RFC	100/0	100/0	100/0
SRL	75/25	75/25	75/25
SRL – with Repetitive Loss Strategy	90/10	90/10	90/10
*Because available HMGP management costs are calculated as a percentage of the Federal funds provided, the non-Federal share is already accounted for. **Subapplicants should consult their State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) for the amount or percentage of HMGP subgrantee management cost funding their State has determined to be passed through to subgrantees.			

HMA Federal funds, or funds used to meet HMA cost share requirements, may not be used as a cost share for other Federal funds, for lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, Federal funds may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.

Note: the Non-Federal Share can be “in-kind” services. This would include local equipment and labor costs.

Cattaraugus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

<http://www.cattco.org/ems/downloads/>

If you have a project that you have either submitted a grant application for, or are thinking of submitting, please let Cattaraugus County DPW know. We are currently in the beginning phase of our mandatory five year update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (which is required for the majority of grant programs). We need to have as many projects noted in the Plan as possible. It will make the Plan better and will give the local municipalities a greater chance of getting their projects approved.

Cattaraugus County submitted a HMGP application for a consultant to do the mandatory update to the Plan in August of 2009. In early 2010 we were notified that the NYS Office of Emergency Management sent our application on to FEMA Region II for final review. That application is still at FEMA pending approval. Our Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire on January 18, 2012. If FEMA does not approve the grant very soon, we will have to do the update in-house and will be contacting the Towns and Villages looking for information.