

Announcement Regarding Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

This announcement is to advise you of a grant opportunity available to your community for flood mitigation measures. This grant may cover up to 100% of costs for flood mitigation to Severe Repetitive Loss Properties. Notice of Intent to apply for this grant is due to our office no later than March 31, 2016.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) section of the WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) is pleased to announce that we will begin utilizing the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program for FY 2016. The Flood Mitigation Assistance program provides funds on an annual basis so that measures can be taken to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program. Mitigation measures save money by lowering insurance costs, decreasing damages during a disaster and by lowering post-disaster costs.

This grant program is available for the following tasks and activities:

- Structure Elevation
- Non-Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities
- Mitigation Reconstruction
- Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures
- Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures
- Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects
- Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Management Costs

It is required that structures be insured under the NFIP to be eligible for consideration for FMA funds.

Participation in this grant program is voluntary for both property owners and the community. We strongly suggest public outreach in the form of a public meeting or direct contact with eligible individuals, to determine public interest. This will allow property owners who wish to volunteer for the program to make themselves known and begin the application process.

This grant is a cost share program. It will be the responsibility of the community to cover the non-federal share of funds. There are alternative options available, such as requiring the homeowner to cover all or part of the non-federal share or the possibility of in-kind services. Below you will find a chart detailing the non-federal share rates.

Program Cost Share Requirements	Federal Share	Non-Federal Share
Severe Repetitive Loss Property <i>(must meet established criteria)</i>	100%	0%
Repetitive Loss Property <i>(must meet established criteria)</i>	90%	10%
Insured Properties and Planning Grants	75%	25%

FMA Grant Funds will be distributed by FEMA on a competitive basis. The priorities for selection are outlined in the FMA FY2016 Fact Sheet, as well as the FMA FY2016 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Both of these documents are attached. Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Loss (RL) properties are a top priority. To receive a list of SRL and RL properties in your community, please contact our office.

Since this is our first time utilizing this grant in several years, we have chosen to focus on quality over quantity. Therefore, the number of applications submitted to FEMA during this grant cycle will be limited. Selection will be based on the priorities outlined in the NOFO to give applicants their best chance of approval. Other factors affecting selection will include benefit-cost ratios, special circumstances, type of project and total project cost. All eligible applications not submitted for this grant cycle will be stockpiled for inclusion in later grants. Each year, we hope to increase the number of sub-applications that are submitted to FEMA.

All projects must meet a Benefit Cost Analysis.

We understand that this grant application is an extensive undertaking. Our office will be available to assist you throughout the process. Additional information can also be provided through our office.

**The Notice of Intent (NOI) Pre-Application Form is due
to our office no later than close of business **March 31, 2016.****

Final Grant Application due to our office **May 15, 2016.**

For further information or questions, please contact:

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