August 30, 2019

Subapplicants
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs

SUBJECT: Announcement to Submit Notice of Interest (NOI) for Pre-Disaster
Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program

The Department of Homeland Security released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 26, 2019 for the PDM and FMA Programs. The California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is now accepting NOIs for PDM and FMA Grant Programs funding opportunities. The deadline for NOI submittal via the Cal OES website is Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

The PDM and FMA Grant Programs make federal funds available to State, Local and Tribal Governments. These programs provide funding for the development of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and the implementation of hazard mitigation projects. Additional program information is included within FEMA’s 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (HMA Guidance). The NOFO, NOI, FEMA’s HMA Guidance and other grant information can be found on the Cal OES web page, https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation.

Overview of the PDM/FMA Subapplication Process:

The subapplication process starts with the submission of a NOI. Cal OES reviews all NOIs for eligibility. Jurisdictions with eligible NOIs are invited by Cal OES to submit a competitive subapplication via FEMA’s web-based Mitigation Electronic Grants (eGrants) Management System. The State will score, rank and prioritize subapplications and submit the highest ranked plans and projects for national review. FEMA has approval authority and will notify Cal OES of funding status. An online training course for development of subapplications via eGrants can be found at the following link: https://training.fema.gov/js/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-30.b.
NOI and Sub-Application Due Dates:

The due date for the NOI Submittal is Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Jurisdictions with approved NOIs must submit their subapplications no later than Tuesday, December 3, 2019, via eGrants to Cal OES. The eGrants application website opens Monday, September 30, 2019.

LHMP NOI Information:


Project LHMP Requirement:

All Subapplicants submitting subapplications for mitigation projects must have a FEMA-approved and locally-adopted LHMP by the State application deadline, Friday, January 31, 2020, and at the time of FEMA obligation in accordance with Title 44 CFR Part 201. There is no mitigation plan requirement to submit a subapplication for mitigation planning. Subapplicants that do not meet the LHMP requirement for project funding are encouraged to submit an NOI proposing the development of an LHMP.

Funding Limits and Cost Share:

PDM Program:

Projects: The 2019 PDM maximum federal share funding limit for projects is $4,000,000. The proposed federal share may not exceed 75 percent of the total activity cost.

Cal OES may submit one resilient infrastructure project to FEMA. Resilient infrastructure projects have a maximum federal share of $10 million. Federal share may not exceed 75 percent of total cost.

LHMP Development: The federal share for LHMP development may not exceed the following:

- $150,000 for a single jurisdiction new or updated LHMP.
- $250,000 for a multi-jurisdiction new or updated LHMP.
**FMA Program:**
Projects: Federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent Federal cost share for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties. FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent Federal cost share for Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.

$10 million is allotted per applicant for Community Mitigation Project applications.

**Advance Assistance:**
FEMA has included a new Advance Assistance priority that will be used to fund development of mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop community mitigation projects for future funding. Not to exceed $200,000 per Applicant (State).

**Pre-Award Costs:**
Pre-award costs directly related to developing the PDM/FMA grant application or subapplication that are incurred within 8 months of the application period opening, but prior to the date of the grant award, are allowed subject to FEMA’s written approval.

If you need additional assistance regarding this funding opportunity, please email HMA@caloes.ca.gov.

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