PDM & FMA prevents loss of life and leads to significant savings by mitigating risks, reducing damage from future disasters, and lowering flood insurance premiums.

Advanced Assistance can be used to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop community mitigation projects for future funding.

There is no guarantee for future HMA project funding if Advanced Assistance is awarded.

FEMA will select the highest ranked eligible subapplication(s) for Advance Assistance from each Applicant (including territories and tribes) not to exceed $200,000 total Federal cost share.

All subapplications must be designated as Advance Assistance within the title of the subapplication and use the correct code 904.2 - Advance Assistance within eGrants to be considered.

Eligible activities include:

♦ Obtain staff or resources to develop a cost-share strategy and identify potential match funding

♦ Evaluate facilities or areas to determine appropriate mitigation actions

♦ Incorporate EHP considerations early into program decisions

♦ Collect data for BCAs, EHP compliance, and other program requirements

♦ Scope and prioritize hazard mitigation projects (including State coordination of local projects) to incorporate sustainability, resilience, and renewable building concepts

♦ Develop hazard mitigation projects, including engineering design and feasibility actions

♦ Incorporate SFM principles into mitigation project work schedules and budgets that will facilitate compliance with the legislative requirement to expend obligated funds within 24 months

♦ Conduct meetings, outreach, and coordination with potential subapplicants and community residents to identify potential participants for property acquisition and demolition or relocation projects

♦ Conduct engineering design and feasibility studies for larger or complex community drainage projects or critical facility retrofits (such as for phased projects)

♦ Conduct hydrologic and hydraulic studies for unmapped flood zones or Approximate Zone A areas where communities propose to submit hazard mitigation projects

♦ Perform professional cost estimation services to aid consistency in project budgeting across subapplications

♦ Rectify data consistency needs for other project application categories, such as EHP compliance, cost-sharing mechanisms, and work schedules