



FY 2014 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

In Fiscal Year 2014, \$89,000,000 is available to assist States, Tribal, Territorial and local governments reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The FMA Grant Program was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP.

Consistent with Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141), the FMA Grant Program changed in FY 2013 to allow more federal funds for properties with repetitive flood claims and severe repetitive loss properties, and the Repetitive Flood Claims and Severe Repetitive Loss Grant Programs were eliminated.

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance applies to the FY 2014 FMA application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 FMA will be \$89,000,000.

The FMA program funds will be distributed on a competitive basis.

Eligibility

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible to apply for FY 2014 FMA Program funds.

Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.

Either the state emergency management agency (EMA) or the office that has primary floodplain management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for FMA program funds; however, only one application will be accepted from each state, tribe or territory.

Funding Guidelines

The maximum federal share for FMA sub-applications per 42 U.S.C. 4104c is as follows:

- \$50,000 for state plans
- \$25,000 for local plans

Additionally, a maximum 10 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the state EMA for management costs, and a maximum of 5 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the local EMA for management costs. For more information, please see the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement.

The period of performance for the FMA program begins with the opening of the application period and ends no later than 36 months from the award date.

Key FY 2014 FMA Changes

- FEMA added the mitigation of repetitive loss properties as an agency priority for FY 2014.

Application Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications and sub-applications for FMA must be submitted via the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal: <https://portal.fema.gov>. If a subapplicant does not use the eGrants system, then the applicant must enter the paper sub-application(s) into the eGrants system on the sub-applicant's behalf.

FMA applications will undergo a complete eligibility review within their respective FEMA Region. FEMA Regions will review planning and project sub-applications plus one management cost subapplication submitted by each applicant through the Mitigation eGrants system to ensure compliance with the HMA Guidance, including eligibility of the applicant and sub-applicant; eligibility of proposed activities and costs; completeness of the sub-application and eligibility and availability of non-federal cost share.

FEMA will perform a Technical Review for the project sub-applications from each eligible Applicant focusing on two areas: (1) Benefit-Cost Analysis; and (2) Engineering Feasibility.

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2014 FMA grant program:

- 1st priority: Mitigation planning sub-applications consistent with 44 CFR Part 201 up to a maximum of \$100,000 federal share per applicant
- 2nd priority: Mitigation project sub-applications that mitigate Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties.
- 3rd priority: Mitigation project sub-applications that mitigate Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.