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Funding Announcement

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire (HMGP-PF 5430)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – The Post Fire (HMGP-PF) 5430 was awarded to the state following the Big Hole Fire and approval of the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) on April 11, 2022. If an additional FMAG is declared in the state before October 1, 2022, some details of this award may change.

Funding

There is \$4,719,312.00 available with 7% for hazard mitigation plans and planning-related activities, and 5% for outreach, education, and other projects that cannot be tied to a Benefit-Cost Analysis. The remainder is available for cost-effective construction and land disturbance projects. If submitting a project application, a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is required at the time of award (44 CFR 201).

Cost Share

HMGP-PF is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal grant. The non-federal (“local”) match can be in the form of cash, in-kind efforts, or a combination. A match cannot be federal funds or funds already used as a match for another federal award.

Eligible Post-Fire Project Examples

- Wildfire Mitigation
 - hazardous fuels reduction (thinning)
 - defensible space
 - retrofit of non-combustible materials
- Long-term mitigation of the burn scar and the downstream affected areas
 - soil and slope stabilization
 - sediment reduction/re-seeding
 - aquifer storage and recovery
- Flood Mitigation
 - installation/modification of drainage improvements
 - construction/modification of retention/detention basins
 - acquisition of flood-prone structures
 - structural and non-structural retrofitting to protect developments from future damage
- 5-Percent Initiatives

- rain/stream gauges with an automated warning system
- outreach and education campaigns
- generators for critical facilities

Phased Projects

Phasing a project secures the full cost to complete a construction or land disturbance before all eligibility requirements have been met for a full award. The construction project is split into Phase I for final construction drawings, final cost estimation, Benefit-Cost Analysis, environmental clearance, etc, and Phase II for implementation.

Regular Projects

To receive a regular project award, the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- All studies and analyses must be complete before application submittal;
- Final construction drawings must be included with the application;
- Benefit-Cost Analysis and Report submitted with a result over 1.0 (costs at least equal the benefits) with appropriate backup documentation;
- Meet either of the two latest International Building Codes (if applicable), and
- Completed FEMA environmental compliance.

Planning Applications

Per the State's Mitigation Administrative Plan, \$70,000 total project cost is allocated for the first two jurisdictions participating in a hazard mitigation plan. An additional \$5,000 may be requested for each additional participating entity. Participating entities must meet all requirements of 44 CFR (201.6 for local communities, 201.7 for Tribes) and agree to adopt the plan upon FEMA approval.

Prioritization (additional information on page 4)

Planning funds are prioritized for:

1. Communities impacted by the FMAG.
2. State-wide planning efforts.
3. Entities with plans that will expire first.
4. New mitigation plans for multi-jurisdictional and tribal entities.
5. All other plans or planning activities.

Project funds will be prioritized for:

1. Projects in the communities impacted by the FMAG (even if not wildfire-related).
2. Projects that will provide risk reduction benefits to the FMAG-impacted communities (even if the activity is not implemented in the impacted community).
3. Projects in communities that could be impacted by FMAG post-wildfire damages (for example downstream debris or flood flows).
4. Wildfire mitigation, post-wildfire debris, or flood flow anywhere in the state.
5. Any natural hazard mitigation project anywhere in the state.

Management Costs

An additional 5% of the total project cost is available at 100% federal share for management of each sub-grant. Management costs are eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a mitigation project.

Period of Performance

The sub-grant Period of Performance (POP), the time during which project activities are to be completed, will end 36 months after the close of the application period.

For questions, please contact the State Mitigation Program at DHSEM.mitigation@state.nm.us or 505-476-9682

Important Dates	
April 11, 2022	Pre-award eligibility begins
September 30, 2022	DEADLINE - All Notices of Interest (NOI) are due
October 28, 2022	DEADLINE - Complete application packets must be submitted for DHSEM review
November 25, 2022	Requests For Information (RFI) will be issued by DHSEM and technical assistance will be offered for any corrections or outstanding items
January 31, 2023	DEADLINE - Complete applications ready for submission to FEMA must be submitted to DHSEM.

General information on HMGP Post-Fire can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire>

HMGP-PF Funding Methodology

This methodology describes the steps taken by DHSEM to allocate HMGP-PF funding. It identifies the priorities for funding so that applications can be prepared to address the highest priority activities. It also serves as one way to increase transparency by sharing the decision-making approach with all stakeholders. All projects must meet the minimum requirements of 44 CFR 206.434 (b) and 44 CFR 206.435 (b). If more applications are submitted than there is available funding, all applications will be submitted to an Application Ranking Committee for priority ranking.

To maximize funding, DHSEM may enter applications submitted for HMGP-PF as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications. Funding is prioritized as described above for the FMAG declared communities. However, funds will not be held for prioritized communities or projects that do not meet all established deadlines and minimum application criteria.

State Competitive Selection Process

Based upon applications submitted and available funding, plans and projects may need to be prioritized for funding. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) and DHSEM Subject Matter Experts will form an Application Ranking Committee. A non-voting member will act as Observer. The Application Ranking Committee will review the applications and prepare a selection report. The Observer shall certify that all entities selected for project recommendation in the report are in good financial standing via UEI number or Sam.gov verification. The Application Ranking Committee recommendations are provided to the Governor’s Authorized Representative (GAR) for approval. After the GAR provides approval, the SHMO contacts each applicant in writing to notify them if their project was selected or not. If a project is withdrawn

or is determined to not meet all eligibility criteria, the project with the next highest ranking is submitted for funding up to the maximum amount of federal dollars remaining.

The following standards will be taken into consideration when preparing the selection report:

- The project is in the community(s) impacted by the FMAG or downstream from the burn scar.
- The project will provide risk reduction benefits to the FMAG impacted or downstream communities.
- The project type is wildfire mitigation, post-wildfire debris, or flood mitigation.
- the project accomplishes multiple objectives including damage reduction, environmental enhancement, economic recovery, etc.
- The project includes multi-jurisdictional cooperation.
- The project anticipates future conditions (population/demographic/climate changes, etc.).
- The measures fit within an overall plan for development and/or hazard mitigation in the community or disaster area as described in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- The sub-application describes outreach activities, identifies the level of public support, outlines the types of community planning processes leveraged, and/or incorporates state, tribal, private, and local community partnerships, communication, and collaboration that will enhance its outcome (increased non-federal cost share, multi-jurisdictional projects, etc.).
- The project benefits a disadvantaged community (all geographic areas within Tribal jurisdictions, low income, high and/or persistent poverty, high unemployment and underemployment, racial and ethnic segregation, linguistic isolation, high housing cost burden, and substandard housing, distressed neighborhoods, limited water, and sanitation access and affordability).

Please review the State's Mitigation Administrative Plan for additional information. The latest version is posted online at <https://www.nmdhsem.org/preparedness-bureau/mitigation/>.