



# FEMA

# Fact Sheet

## FY 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

### Overview

As appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, PDM 2015 (Public Law 114-4); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5133).

*In Fiscal Year 2015, \$30,000,000 is available to assist State, Tribal Territorial and local governments reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.*

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance applies to the FY 2015 PDM Grant Program application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement and the HMA Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

### Funding

In FY 2015, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2015 PDM Grant Program will be \$30,000,000.

- All 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible to receive a set aside of 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or \$250,000.
- \$5 million will be set aside for Federally-recognized Tribal governments to receive a set aside of up to 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or \$250,000 per tribe.
- The balance of PDM Grant Program funds will be distributed on a competitive basis to all eligible applicants.

### 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 the FY 2015 PDM Grant Program. 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 emergency management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for PDM Grant Program funds as an applicant; however, only one application will be accepted from each state, tribe or territory.

## Funding Guidelines

The maximum federal share for sub-applications per HMA Guidance is as follows:

- \$3 Million for mitigation projects
- \$400,000 for new mitigation plans
- \$150,000 for mitigation plan updates

A maximum of 10% of the total of mitigation planning and project grants can be used for dissemination of information about the activity. Additionally, a maximum 10 percent of grant funds awarded can be used for applicant management costs, and a maximum of 5 percent of grant funds awarded can be used for subapplicant management costs.

Federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs. Small impoverished communities may be eligible for up to a 90 percent Federal cost share in accordance with the Stafford Act. The remaining eligible activity costs are derived from non-Federal sources.

The period of performance for the PDM Grant Program begins with the opening of the application period and ends no later than 36 months from the selection date.

## Key FY 2015 PDM Grant Program Changes

- FEMA revised the application limits from FY 2014 to allow a maximum of 3 project sub-applications out of 11 sub-applications per applicant: 10 for mitigation planning and projects, plus 1 management cost sub-application for applicant management costs up to 10% of the total of the planning and project sub-applications.
- FEMA will prioritize mitigation planning and project sub-applications from applicants without Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds available before applications from applicants with HMGP funds available.
- FEMA will prioritize activities in communities with the highest assessed Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule rating from a grade of 1 to 10.

## Application Submission and Review Process

Applications and sub-applications for the PDM Grant Program 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.

Applicants may submit a maximum of 11 sub-applications, including 1 management cost sub-application for Applicant management costs. Of the 10 sub-applications for mitigation activities, a maximum of 3 projects may be included.

Applicants must rank their sub-applications in priority order. To be considered for the State and Tribal set asides, each applicant's number one ranked sub-application must not exceed \$250,000 federal share.

If any applicant submits more than 10 sub-applications for mitigation activities, FEMA will only consider the 10 highest ranked sub-applications. If any Applicant submits more than 3 project sub-applications, FEMA will only consider the 3 highest ranked projects.

PDM Grant Program applications will undergo a complete eligibility review within their respective FEMA Region. FEMA will review planning and project sub-applications plus one management sub-application 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; cost effectiveness and engineering feasibility of projects; and eligibility and availability of non-federal cost share.

## Evaluation Criteria

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2015 PDM Grant Program:

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority: Mitigation planning and project sub-applications up to \$250,000 Federal share per states/territories/District of Columbia consistent with Section 203 (f) of the Stafford Act
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority: Up to \$5 million for mitigation planning and project sub-applications up to \$250,000 Federal share per tribal applicant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority: Mitigation planning sub-applications from applicants that do not have Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) available
- 4<sup>th</sup> priority: Non-flood hazard mitigation projects from applicants that do not have HMGP funds available
- 5<sup>th</sup> priority: Flood mitigation projects from applicants that do not have HMGP funds available
- 6<sup>th</sup> priority: Planning activities from applicants that have HMGP funds available
- 7<sup>th</sup> priority: Non-flood hazard mitigation projects from applicants that have HMGP funds available
- 8<sup>th</sup> priority: Flood mitigation projects from applicants that have HMGP funds available

FEMA will prioritize planning and project activities within the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> categories above in order by communities with the highest assessed Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) rating from a grade of 1 (exemplary commitment to building code enforcement) to 10. If necessary, FEMA will further prioritize projects by the highest FEMA-validated Benefit Cost Ratio.

## For Additional Information

Please see the Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement posted on grants.gov and the HMA Guidance available on the FEMA Internet: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance> for more detailed information regarding eligibility.

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