

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

**Fiscal Year 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance
Programs**

Date Issued: **June 8, 2015**

Pre-Application Activity Form/eGrants Access Requests Due:
June 17, 2015

eGrants Applications Due: **August 7, 2015**





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FEDERAL PROGRAM

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. Currently, FEMA administers the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program, and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program.

As appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 114-4); the FY 2015 PDM Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities to reduce overall risk to the population and structure from future hazard events, while also reducing the reliance on federal funding from future disasters. Additionally, the FY 2015 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).

FEDERAL OBJECTIVES

For FMA

- Reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the NFIP.

For PDM

- Minimize risk to the population and structures from future hazard events
- Reduce reliance on Federal funding from future disasters

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

For FMA

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2015 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:** Projects that mitigate at least 50 percent of structures that meet definition part (b)(ii) of a Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) property: At least 2 separate NFIP claim payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured structure.



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- **3rd priority:** Project sub-applications that mitigate at least 50 percent of structures that meet the definition of a Repetitive Loss (RL) property: Have incurred flood-related damage on 2 occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event.
- **4th priority:** Projects that mitigate at least 50 percent of structures meet definition part (b)(i) of a SRL property: 4 or more separate NFIP claims payments have been made with the amount of each claim exceeding \$5,000, and with the cumulative amount of claims payments exceeding \$20,000.
- **5th priority:** Projects that will reduce the risk profile in communities through mitigation of the largest number of contiguous NFIP-insured properties.

FEMA will prioritize projects within the 2nd through 4th category above in order by the highest percentage of properties from 100 to 50 percent. If more than one project has the same percentage of properties that meet the definition, FEMA will prioritize projects by the largest number of properties to be mitigated that meet the definition. If necessary, FEMA will further prioritize projects by the highest FEMA-validated Benefit Cost Ratio.

For PDM

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

- **1st 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.
- **2nd priority:** Up to \$5 million for mitigation planning and project sub-applications up to \$250,000 Federal share per tribal applicant.
- **3rd priority:** Mitigation planning sub-applications from applicants that do not have Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) available.
- **4th priority:** Non-flood hazard mitigation projects from applicants that do not have HMGP funds available.
- **5th priority:** Flood mitigation projects from applicants that do not have HMGP funds available.
- **6th priority:** Planning activities from applicants that have HMGP funds available.
- **7th priority:** Non-flood hazard mitigation projects from applicants that have HMGP funds available.
- **8th priority:** Flood mitigation projects from applicants that have HMGP funds available.



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FEMA will prioritize planning and project activities within the 3rd through 8th 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.

The programmatic guidance, Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcement and further explanation of federal objects can be found on the RIEMA website at www.riema.ri.gov.

RIEMA OVERVIEW

Funding Information:

In accordance with federal funding opportunity and the guidance it entails, the following funding information is relevant to this cycle:

- For FMA, the total allotment is \$150,000,000. There is no state specific set aside.
- For PDM, the total allotment is \$30,000,000 with a Rhode Island set aside of \$250,000.

Eligible Sub- Applicants:

Local, State and Tribal governments

Cost Share:

Grant Program	Percent of Federal/ Non-Federal Share
FMA – insured properties and planning grants	75/25
FMA – repetitive loss property	90/10
FMA – severe repetitive loss property	100/0
PDM	75/25

Program specifics to be aware of:

- Only sub-applicants with a FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plan at the time of award will be eligible to receive mitigation funding under HMA. However, there is no mitigation plan requirement for a planning subgrant.



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- Sub-applicants must commit to the non-federal share of the proposed application cost. 'In-kind' services are allowable as a part of the non-federal match.
- Examples of eligible projects for each program are available in the newly released [FY 2015 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#).

Please be aware and review the programmatic changes to the FY 2015 PDM Program. Federal regulations have revised the limit of PDM sub-applications RIEMA may submit for consideration. For this cycle, RIEMA is permitted to submit a maximum of 11 sub-applications. Of the 11 submissions, only three (3) may be project sub-applications.

Application Process:

While not required, Pre-Application Activity Form(s) are recommended by close of business (COB) on **June 17, 2015** so that RIEMA can expedite sub-applicant access to eGrants, FEMA's online application system. Please note which grant program the activity is proposed for and, if submitting multiple proposals, the priority of each project. Complete applications must be submitted via eGrants by COB on **August 7, 2015**.

Please email Pre-Application Activity Form(s) to jessica.stimson@ema.ri.gov or via USPS to:

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