



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Potential Applicants
FROM: Leslie Mahoney, State Mitigation Officer
DATE: April 26, 2012
RE: Availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds

On March 6, 2012, Kentucky received Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-4057-DR-KY as a result of Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes occurring between February 29, 2012 and March 4, 2012, which affected twenty-three (23) counties.

In conjunction with this declaration, federal funds are now available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for eligible projects which will reduce damages from future events.

HMGP funds will cover 75% of the eligible costs of an approved project with the non-federal share typically split between the state (12%) and the local applicant (13%). The local share may be applicant funds, in-kind services directly related to the project, or funds received from other sources which can be used to match federal funds.

HMGP projects must demonstrate a permanent reduction in disaster damages, pass a benefit/cost analysis test (if required), and avoid undue harm to the project's environmental and historical surroundings.

Typical types of **REGULAR** eligible projects include the acquisition/demolition or elevation of flood-prone or landslide-prone structures, engineered storm water control projects (NOT including levees and dams), residential or community tornado safe-rooms and tornado shelters, flood-proofing of non-residential buildings, seismic retrofits, and utility protective measures.

Up to 10% of the HMGP funding may be used for projects whose benefit/cost analysis are difficult or impossible to do. Typically, this category of **INITIATIVE** funding has been awarded for outdoor warning sirens, NOAA weather radios, other types of warning systems, and mitigation educational outreach projects.



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Also, up to 7% of the available HMGP funding may be awarded for **MITIGATION PLANNING** projects. This funding be used for both the State Hazard Mitigation Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

HMGP funding received after a disaster declaration may be spent on eligible projects anywhere in the state. However, the current State Hazard Mitigation Plan gives first priority to funding projects in the declared areas.

Eligible applicants for HMGP project funds include state agencies, counties, cities, and certain quasi-governmental and non-profit agencies. Individual citizens are not eligible to apply for these funds.

Eligible applicants must also have a FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard Mitigation Plans have been developed in each Area Development District for use by mitigation grant applicants. Applicants who have not developed their own plan are encouraged to contact their Area Development Districts for assistance and additional information.

The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management requires interested applicants to complete the attached *Pre-Application Letter of Intent* to declare their interest in applying for HMGP funds and submit the completed form to the following address no later than **May 30, 2012** to:

Leslie Mahoney, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Recovery Branch
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All Applicants and sub-applicants must be participants in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) if they have been mapped through the NFIP with a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and have been identified as having a Special Flood Hazard Area. In addition, the Applicant/Sub-applicant must not be on probation, suspended, or withdrawn from the NFIP. Applicants and sub-applicants that are not mapped under the NFIP are eligible.

If you have any questions about the HMGP program please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (502) 607-5768 or by email at leslie.mahoney@us.army.mil.