



Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM)



Fact SHEET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-390). The PDM Program is an annual program that provides a means to fund pre-disaster hazard mitigation actions specifically designed to eliminate or reduce the consequences of future disasters. PDM is a nationwide competitive, reimbursable, grant program. The grant is a matching funds grant which will provide 75% of the projects cost, with the local jurisdiction providing 25%. Small/impooverished jurisdictions may qualify for 90% federal funding. The grant window normally opens in June each year and closes in August.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible applicants are State Agencies, COGs, Indian Tribes, City and County governments, and certain taxing authorities such as Drainage Districts, Flood Control Districts, River Authorities, and Independent School Districts. Private-non-Profit agencies are not eligible, although they may be able to partner with an eligible applicant. Eligible applicants must also have a State and FEMA approved Mitigation Action Plan at the time of e-grants access request (unless requesting a planning grant), and the project can only be located in a jurisdiction that is at the Basic level of preparedness in their Emergency Management plan. If requesting a flood control project, applicant cannot be suspended or sanctioned by the NFIP.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Eligible projects must be cost effective, not cost more than \$3 million in federal share, and able to be completed within two years. Typical projects are: buyouts, residential home elevations, individual and community saferooms, retrofitting of windows in public buildings, small flood detention and canalization projects, and Local Mitigation Plans. Alternate planning activities, such as dam breach mapping, flood studies, and Wildfire Risk studies, are only eligible if requested in association with a regular mitigation planning grant. Types of projects that are not eligible are: warning systems, equipment, outreach and education projects, and certain emergency generators. A sub recipient can submit no more than three projects in any one year.

STATE STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES

PDM funding is highly variable each year based upon congressional allocation. TDEM will only be allowed to submit ten applications to FEMA, while there are normally many more applications than this. Representatives of designated State agencies that compose the State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) help in making the final determination. Projects listed in a community Local Mitigation Plan have a better chance of selection. TDEM will publish its priorities and State deadlines in a state-wide mail-out each year, along with posting the information on the TDEM website.

APPLICATION PROCESS

PDM has a two phased application process; first a jurisdiction applies to the State for access into the internet based e-grants system; second, once access is granted, they complete and submit their application on-line. The State will rank and submit applications to FEMA on-line. There will be a narrow window, approximately a week, for the State to comment and work on project deficiencies. Once submitted to FEMA, the project will undergo the National Selection Process as-written. There is no ability to amend the application, or for FEMA national to ask additional questions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Regulations for the HMGP are published in the revised Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (published annually) that are in effect at the time of the disaster declaration. All required forms as well as fact sheets, job aids, and guidance materials are available on line at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem , under: Division Information-DEM Forms-Hazard Mitigation.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- Website: <http://www.bchelp.com>
- HMA Guidance: http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1923-25045-5186/hma_guidance_508_7_12_2013_3_.pdf