



**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



Funding Announcement
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Federal Fiscal Year 2019

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) is used for flood mitigation projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of flood damage to residential or non-residential properties insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This grant has not been utilized in New Mexico for many years; however, we encourage communities to submit any project that could be competitive nationally.

Funding: There is \$160,000,000 available nationwide for Federal Fiscal Year 2019. All sub-grant applications are reviewed as part of a national competition. For the first time, Advance Assistance funding will be provided to develop mitigation actions and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop viable community flood mitigation projects. This design work will facilitate viable projects for future grant applications. Priority is given to projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.

Important Dates:

- Period of Performance will be 36 months after award.
- Pre-award costs directly related to developing the FMA sub-grant application, incurred within 8 months of the application period, are allowed.
- **Notice of Interest (NOI) submittal to DHSEM is due by October 23, 2019.** The NOI is attached.
- **Complete applications are due to DHSEM by December 20, 2019** (submittal in eGrants is required, as well as digital file submission to DHSEM).
- Estimated FEMA funding selection in June 2020.
- Estimated FEMA awards in December 2020.
- Estimated DHSEM Sub-grants in January 2021.

Cost Share: FMA is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal grant. However, if a structure meets the NFIP definition, the federal share can increase up to 90% for repetitive loss or 100% for severe repetitive loss properties.

Eligible activities: Eligible sub-grant applications for construction or land disturbance projects will be submitted for the national competition. Examples of eligible project types are:

- Flood Mitigation projects (installation/modification of drainage improvements, construction/modification of retention/detention basins, construction/modification of floodwalls/dams)
- Acquisition of structures in flood-prone areas
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting to protect structures from future damage
- Watershed Stabilization
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery

- Flood and Stream Restoration
- Flood Diversion and Storage
- Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development

Construction and land disturbance projects: All projects must meet all eligibility requirements, including:

- FEMA approved Mitigation Plan as of January 31, 2020;
- All studies and analysis must be complete prior to application submittal;
- Final construction drawings must be included with the application;
- Benefit Cost Analysis with a result over 1.0 (costs at least equal the benefits) with appropriate back up documentation; and
- FEMA environmental compliance (full clearance is not required at the time of application. However, award will not be made until environmental compliance is accomplished).

Application Information:

- **The deadline for NOI submittal to DHSEM is October 23, 2019.** The NOI is attached.
- After a general eligibility determination is made from the Notice of Interest submittal, the State will conduct a mandatory Sub-grant Orientation meeting. After completing the required Sub-grant Orientation Meeting, the State will email the full New Mexico Mitigation Sub-grant Application for reference.
- The sub-grantee will up-load all application materials in the eGrants system. Registration is required for the FEMA Grants Portal with access to Mitigation eGrants.
- **Complete applications are due December 20, 2019.** Sub-grant applications will be submitted to eGrants with digital copies to DHSEM.

Please note that New Mexico applicants must follow the State application procedure and deadlines.

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

The FEMA Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found at
<https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program>
(click on 'Fiscal Year 2019 Application Cycle')