



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Funding Announcement
Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Federal Fiscal Year 2019

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) can be used for all natural hazards and all-hazard mitigation plans. In New Mexico, this grant has been used primarily to fund mitigation plan creation and up-dates; however, we encourage communities to submit any project that could be competitive nationally. This is the last year PDM will be offered due to changes from the Disaster Recovery Reform Act. However, we anticipate a new mitigation grant program called “Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities” (BRIC) will be implemented in 2020.

Funding: There is \$250,000,000 available nationwide for Federal Fiscal Year 2019. New Mexico can be expected to receive a minimum of \$575,000 for eligible applications plus \$200,000 in Advanced Assistance. Advanced Assistance is considered scoping, researching, modeling, and/or designing a mitigation project in support of a full project application at a future date.

Important Dates:

- Period of Performance will be 36 months after award.
- Pre-award costs directly related to developing the PDM 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** (for construction and land disturbance projects, 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: PDM is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal grant. If a community meets the requirements of a ‘Small Impoverished Community’, the federal cost share can increase up to 90% federal and 10% non-federal. The definition of Small Impoverished Community is included at the end of this announcement.

Eligible activities: Mitigation plan creation or up-date is eligible for funding. Eligible sub-grant applications for construction or land disturbance projects will be submitted for the national competition. A maximum of nine projects can be submitted by the State 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)
- Wildfire hazardous fuel reduction and defensible space
- Watershed Stabilization
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery

- Flood and Stream Restoration
- Flood Diversion and Storage
- Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development
- Acquisition of structures in flood-prone areas
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting to protect structures from future damage
- Generators for critical facilities
- Resilient Infrastructure - This is an opportunity to advance capital projects on a community level. Only one project per state can be submitted, with a maximum federal share of \$10 million. The Period of Performance is up to 48 months after award

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 (the cost at least equals the benefits) with appropriate back up documentation; and
- FEMA environmental compliance (full clearance is not required at time of application. However, the award will not be made until environmental compliance is accomplished).

Management Costs: Indirect or direct administrative costs and other administrative expenses that are reasonably incurred directly relating to the implementation of the PDM sub-grant are eligible. Management costs can be budgeted for up to 5% of the total project cost.

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.
- The State's Sub-grant Application must be utilized for all mitigation plans.
- For construction or land disturbance projects, registration is required for the FEMA Grants Portal with access to Mitigation eGrants. The sub-grantee will up-load all application materials in the eGrants system.
- **Complete applications are due December 20, 2019.** Plan sub-grant applications will be submitted directly to DHSEM in digital format. Construction or land disturbance project 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

Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations can apply direct to FEMA for the \$575,000 federal set aside plus \$200,000 for Advanced Assistance. Tribes that want to apply direct to FEMA should contact Christy King, FEMA Region VI HMA Point of Contact at Christina.L.King@fema.dhs.gov or 940-383-7220

Excerpt from Federal FY2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Notice of Funding Opportunity – Small Impoverished Community

Small, impoverished communities are eligible for up to a 90 percent Federal cost share for their mitigation planning and project sub-applications in accordance with the Stafford Act. A small, impoverished community must:

- Be a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the State as a rural community that is not a remote area within the corporate boundaries of a larger city;
- Be economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income, based on best available data. For the most current information, go to the Bureau of Economic Analysis website at <http://www.bea.gov> ;
- Have a local unemployment rate that exceeds by 1 percentage point or more the most recently reported, average yearly national unemployment rate. For the most current information, go to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm> ; and
- Meet other criteria required by the Applicant in which the community is located.

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