Notice of Funds Availability
Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program
June 1, 2015

FEMA has announced the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2015, which includes Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). The HMA grant program will provide funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding amounts are based on Congressional appropriation.

Projects submitted for consideration must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in Iowa's State Hazard Mitigation Plan and local mitigation plan for the jurisdiction in which the activity is located. The PDM grant provides an excellent opportunity for communities to initiate mitigation projects that provide protection against natural hazards. Eligible mitigation project activities include (but not limited to):

- Construction of tornado safe rooms (Multi-functional community or school safe room projects are highly encouraged)
- Acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards
- Minor structural hazard control or protection projects such as storm water management (e.g., culverts, floodgates, retention basins)
- Localized flood control projects, such as floodwall systems, that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system
- Development of multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans and plan updates

The HMA FY 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance program guidance provides critical information about eligibility, the National Evaluation Process, and other key aspects of each program. FEMA has changed program guidance. The guidance can be found at: http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance

Applicants with proposed projects located in a FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are eligible for funding only if the jurisdiction in which the project is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). There is no NFIP participation requirement for projects located outside of the SFHA.

Funding & Cost Share

This is a cost share grant program which means that awarded grants will be funded as follows:

- Federal (FEMA) share of total eligible costs – 75% maximum
- Local share of total eligible costs – 25%

FEMA has established the application deadline for States to submit their application by **Aug. 28, 2015**. In order to meet FEMA's deadline, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) must receive local sub-applications by **July 28, 2014**. HSEMD is required to review, provide comments on, and to rank each local application that it submits to FEMA.

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We ask that the County Emergency Management Coordinators, Councils of Government, and Planning Commissions forward this information to the communities in their service area to achieve the widest distribution possible.

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