

# **Notice of Funds Availability**

## **Flood Mitigation Assistance**

### **October 16, 2023**

FEMA has announced the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2023, 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 FMA 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):

- Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) activities, which enhance the knowledge, skills, expertise, etc., of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities;
- Localized flood risk reduction projects (should benefit NFIP insured properties)
- Individual flood mitigation projects (should benefit NFIP insured properties)
- Mitigation Planning consistent with 44 CFR Part 201 (only for flood hazard)
- Property Acquisition and Structural Demolition and Relocation (for NFIP insured properties)
- Structural Elevation (for NFIP insured properties)
- Dry Flood Proofing (for NFIP insured properties)
- Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities (for NFIP insured properties)
- Mitigation Reconstruction (for NFIP insured properties)

The 2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide provides critical information about eligibility, the National Evaluation Process, and other key aspects of each program. The guidance can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-assistance-guidance>

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).

## Cost Share or Match

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
- State of Iowa – 10%
- Local share of total eligible costs – 15%
- FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share if the average Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score is not less than 0.5001 for the benefiting area(s) substantiated by a benefiting area map, and the activity must be funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent federal cost share for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties within Individual Property Flood Mitigation Projects.
- FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share for Repetitive Loss (RL) properties.

FEMA has established the application deadline for States to submit their application by **February 29, 2024**. In order to meet FEMA's deadline, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) must receive local sub-applications by **February 15, 2024**. HSEMD is required to review, provide comments on, and to rank each local application that it submits to FEMA.

2023 SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING A FULL BRIC OR FMA APPLICATION	
Date	Event
October 13 – 16, 2023	Email campaign to cities/counties/COGs for BRIC/FMA NOI submissions
October 27, 2023	Email campaign to cities/counties/COGs for BRIC/FMA NOI submissions
<b>Jan 12, 2024*</b>	<b>Sub-applications due in FEMA-Go (*Hard deadline required for next review step)</b>
January 15 – 19, 2024	HSEMD prioritization scoring panel
January 22 – 24, 2024	Sub-applicant meetings
February 02, 2024	CCB Final draft sub-application due in FEMA-Go
February 15, 2024	Competitive Final draft sub-application due in FEMA-Go
February 29, 2024	State application submitted

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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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