

**Maine Emergency Management Agency
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Disaster 4354**

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Application Period Open

Maine will be receiving mitigation grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of the Federal Disaster Declaration (DR-4354) Maine received a following the October 30 wind storm.

Approximately **\$687,624** will be available in hazard mitigation grant program (HMGP) funds for eligible projects that will help the communities avoid future damages from natural disasters.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm *November 2, 2018*. The State Review Council will evaluate applications during November 2018.

Mitigation Program Overview

Hazard mitigation measures are sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from natural disasters.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The purpose of HMGP is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters. HMGP is a post-disaster grant opportunity that becomes available following a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

** Please note there is a 25% local cost share requirement that is the responsibility of the sub-applicant. Cost share can also be provided by in-kind resources such as municipally owned and operated equipment. **

Maine Emergency Management Agency administers the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded HMGP on behalf of the state. HMGP applications are competitive statewide.

Projects

Common HMGP project types in Maine include but are not limited to the following:

- Generators for critical facilities
- Culverts and drainage upsizes
- Bank Stabilization
- Acquisition and demolition of hazard (flood) prone structures
- Road upgrades

Sub-applicant Eligibility

Eligible sub-applicants include:

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- Private non-profit organizations (must be sponsored by local government)

Please be aware of the following eligibility pre-requisites:

1. Participation in County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Local jurisdiction must be a part of a FEMA-approved multi-jurisdictional county hazard mitigation plan. MEMA will accept applications from communities located in a county that is in the process of updating a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, but FEMA will not release awarded project funds until the mitigation plan is approved by FEMA and adopted. Communities that opted to not participate in and adopt their county's most recent hazard mitigation plan update are not eligible to apply for this HMGP opportunity.

2. Cost Beneficial

To be funded, a project's potential savings must be more than the cost of implementing the project, as quantified by FEMA's Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) software. That is, the cost of the project must be roughly equal to or less than the historical costs of repairing previous damages at the site.

3. Compliance

The proposed project must comply with environmental and historic preservation laws.

Lastly, communities must be compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Application Requirements

Applications must be complete and include the following information to be considered by the review council:

1. Contact Information
2. Problem Description
3. Alternative Analysis / Decision Making
4. Scope of Work (SOW) and Budget
5. Project Description and Design(s)
6. Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA attachment)
7. Goals / Objectives
8. Legal Considerations
9. Application cover page with cost summary and two signatures

Application Materials can be found on MEMA's website at http://www.maine.gov/mema/mitigation/mema_mit_grants.shtml.

Workshops & Technical Assistance

With support of County Emergency Management Agencies, MEMA is conducting four workshops on the following dates to guide applicants through the process, with the following dates:

Tuesday, March 20: 1:00 to 3:00pm
Eastpoint Church
345 Clarks Pond Parkway
South Portland

Thursday, March 22: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
97 Hammond Street
2nd floor Commissioners Meeting Room
Bangor

Tuesday, March 27: 1:00 to 3:00pm
Knox County EMA
301 Park Street
Rockland

Thursday, March 29: 1:00 to 3:00pm
Maine Emergency Management Agency
45 Commerce Drive
Augusta

Applicants who attend a workshop will earn an extra 5 points on their application score sheet.

Technical assistance is available through September to help applicants prepare competitive applications.

Program Timeline

February 2018: Notification of grant availability

February – October 2018: Application development

2 November 2018: Deadline to submit all application materials to MEMA

November – December 2018: State Review Council reviews and scores eligible applications

2 January 2019: MEMA submits eligible, top scored applications to FEMA for review

Resources

MEMA Mitigation Grants: http://www.maine.gov/mema/mitigation/mema_mit_grants.shtml

FEMA HMGP Overview: <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance: <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>

Fact Sheets (on MEMA website):

Hazard Mitigation Projects

Mitigation Grant Types

Hazard Mitigation Plans

Yes/No HMGP Eligibility Requirements