

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



<u>Funding Announcement</u> <u>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire (HMGP-PF 5281)</u>

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire funding is prioritized for Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declared counties or communities. Funds are awarded to provide post-fire assistance for long term mitigation of burn scars and downstream affected areas. If funding cannot be used in these areas, then it may be utilized statewide regardless of whether it benefits a declared community.

Funding: There is \$454,432 available State-wide. Funding is based on the FMAG declaration of the Ironworks Fire in Valencia County.

Important Dates:

- Pre-award eligibility begins on March 8, 2019.
- Period of Performance ends January 2023 (date may be extended with FEMA approval).
- 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.**
- Estimated mitigation plan awards in spring 2020.
- Estimated Phase I awards in summer 2020.
- Estimated non-phased project awards in January 2021.

Cost Share: 75% federal and 25% non-federal.

Eligible activities include (but are not limited to):

- Mitigation plan creation or up-date
- 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

Phased Projects: Phasing a project ensures that sub-grantees can receive 75% federal reimbursement of costs required to prove eligibility. Phase I includes final construction drawings, final cost estimation, Benefit Cost Analysis, and environmental clearance. Phase II is awarded after all eligibility requirements

are met for 'implementation' of the activity. The sub-grantee must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan on the date of the award.

Non-phased projects: Non-phased construction or land disturbance projects must meet all eligibility requirements, including:

- FEMA approved Mitigation Plan on date of award;
- 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.

Management Costs: Indirect or direct administrative costs and other administrative expenses that are reasonably incurred directly relating to the implementation of the plan or project are now 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 and projects.
- Complete applications are due **December 20, 2019**.

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

General information on HMGP Post-Fire can be found at <u>https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire</u>