



Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Hazard Mitigation Assistance program, assists states and communities by providing federal funds for cost-effective measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to repetitive and severe repetitive loss buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Texas Water Development Board administers the FMA program for the State of Texas on behalf of FEMA. This is a nationally competitive annual grant program.

Eligible Applicants

Political subdivisions (cities, counties, special districts, and federally recognized tribes) that participate in the NFIP and have a FEMA-approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Eligible Funding Activities and Projects (with Federal Funding Caps)

Projects can be used for, but are not limited to:

- Capability and capacity building activities
 - Developing or updating multi-hazard mitigation plans (\$25,000)
 - Project scoping/flood studies (\$900,000)
 - Additional capability building activities (\$300,000)
- Localized flood risk reduction projects (\$50,000,000)
 - Floodwater storage and diversion
 - Stormwater management
 - Floodplain, wetland, marsh, riverine, and coastal restoration and protection
 - Other combination of green, gray infrastructure, and nature-based solutions
 - Localized flood control projects with co-benefits to other hazards and social or environmental benefits
- Individual flood mitigation projects (no federal caps)
 - Acquisition and demolition or relocation of structures
 - Structure elevation
 - Mitigation reconstruction
 - Dry floodproofing of non-residential properties and historic residential properties
 - Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings
 - Infrastructure retrofit

Cost Share Requirements

Generally, the federal cost share funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity cost with a non-federal cost match of 25%. However, FEMA may contribute up to 90% federal cost

share with a non-federal cost match of 10% when the individual property being mitigated meets the definition of repetitive loss structure; or the individual property or the average project benefit area has a Centers of Disease Control and Prevention Social Vulnerability Index of 0.5001 or higher. If the structure meets the definition of severe repetitive loss property, FEMA may contribute up to 100% of the eligible activity cost.

Management Cost

Communities may apply for up to 5% of the total grant application funding request for grant management activities, such as any indirect costs, administrative costs, and any other expenses that are reasonable in administering and managing the grant.

Project Grant Eligibility Criteria

A project must, at a minimum, be

- feasible and effective at mitigating flood hazards within a participating NFIP community;
- cost beneficial to the National Flood Insurance Fund, yielding a benefit-cost ratio of 1.0 or greater;
- in compliance with the Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation requirements included in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance; and
- able to reduce or eliminate flood risk to insured structures under the NFIP.

A project must also conform with

- the minimum standards of the NFIP floodplain;
- local regulations;
- the applicant's Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
- all applicable laws and regulations, such as federal and state environmental standards and local building codes.

For specific questions about the program, please contact floodgrant@twdb.texas.gov. Additional information, including how to access FEMA's electronic grant application system (FEMA GO), is available at www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/FMA/index.asp.