

New FEMA Mitigation Grant Available in New Mexico
Funding Announcement – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Post Fire’ (HMGP-PF)

In June 2018, FEMA announced a new grant program specifically for post fire assistance to provide for long term mitigation of burn scar areas and acreage downstream that could be impacted. Funding is made available to the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declared counties or communities. A mitigation project may be outside of the declared community as long as risk reduction benefits the declared community. If funding cannot be used in these areas, then it may be utilized statewide regardless of whether it benefits a declared community. Section 20602 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 authorizes FEMA to provide mitigation funding for October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018 FMAGs

Funding; There is \$1,275,024 available State-wide for federal fiscal year 2018 funding. The funding is based on three FMAG declarations (El Cajete Fire in Sandoval County, Ute Park Fire in Colfax County and Soldier Canyon on Mescalero Apache land).

Important Dates;

- Period of Performance currently ends January 17, 2022, although the date may be extended if FEMA approved.
- **Notice of Interest submittal to DHSEM by September 30, 2018**
- **Complete application submittal to DHSEM by November 30, 2018**
- Estimated mitigation plan awards February 2019. Estimated phase 1 awards summer 2019. Estimated non-phased project awards February 2020.

Cost Share; 75% federal and 25% non-federal

Eligible activities; Mitigation plan creation or up-date is eligible for funding. Eligible sub-grant applications for construction or land disturbance projects will be submitted for the national competition. A maximum of nine projects can be submitted by the State for the national competition. Examples of eligible project types are;

- 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; and
- Generators for critical facilities.

Phased Projects; Phase 1 of a project allows a sub-grantee to complete all eligibility requirements (final construction drawings, final cost estimation, final Benefit Cost Analysis and environmental clearance). Phase 2 is awarded after all eligibility requirements are met for ‘implementation’ of the activity (the actual thinning of the hazardous wildfire fuels or the construction of the flood mitigation project).

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 application;
- Benefit Cost Analysis with a result over ‘one’ (costs at least equal the benefits); and
- FEMA environmental compliance.

Application Information;

- **The deadline for Notice of Interest submittal to DHSEM is September 30, 2018.**
- After a general eligibility determination is made from the Notice of Interest submittal, the State will conduct a Sub-grant Orientation meeting. After 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 November 30, 2018.**

General information on this new FEMA grant program can be found at
<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire>