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Notice of Funds Availability

FY 2011 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Program

FEMA has announced the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2011 which includes Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), and Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program. 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.

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 PDM grant provides an excellent opportunity for communities to initiate mitigation projects that provide protection against flood and tornado events. Mitigation projects must focus on natural hazards. Eligible mitigation project activities include (but not limited to):

- Acquisition or relocation of hazard-prone property for conversion to open space in perpetuity;
- Construction of tornado safe rooms;
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing structures to meet or exceed applicable building codes relative to hazard mitigation;
- Hydrologic and hydraulic studies/analyses, engineering studies, and drainage studies for the purpose of project design and feasibility in conjunction with a project;
- Protective measures for utilities; water and sanitary sewer systems and/or infrastructure;
- Storm water management projects (e.g., culverts, floodgates, retention basins) to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from flood hazards;
- Localized flood control projects, such as certain ring levees and floodwall systems, that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system, and
- Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning

FEMA has unified guidance for the four HMA grant programs that receive annual appropriations: Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL).

The HMA FY 2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance program guidance provides critical information about eligibility, the National Evaluation Process, and other key aspects of each program. The guidance can be found at: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225> or http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/Programs_Hazard_Mitigation.html

Please review this guidance carefully. FEMA has established the application deadline for States to submit their application as **December 3, 2010**. In order to meet FEMA's deadline, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) must receive local sub-applications by **November 1, 2010**. HSEMD is required to review, provide comments on, and to rank each local application that it submits to FEMA.

To be considered for any of the open HMA funding sources, please forward a Notice of Interest (NOI) to our office no later than **September 17, 2010**. The NOI can be downloaded using the following link: http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/Programs_Hazard_Mitigation.html

Upon completion, email the NOI to hsemd.mitigation@iowa.gov in the format provided.

For additional information, feel free to contact a member of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation staff.

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