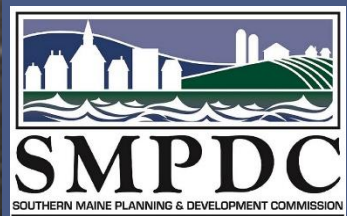




# *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program*

**Informational Webinar for Southern Maine Communities**

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm



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# FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) GRANTS

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# HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

Hazard mitigation is any **sustainable** action that **reduces** or **eliminates** long-term risk to people and property from **future disasters**. Mitigation planning breaks the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repeated damage.

**Hazard mitigation includes long-term solutions that reduce the impact of disasters in the future.**



# DISASTER

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
(HMGP)



DR-4522

DR-4647

# Non Disaster

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant  
(FMA)

Building Resilient  
Infrastructure and Communities  
(BRIC)

\*\*Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program is no longer



# HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GUIDANCE

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15\\_HMA\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15_HMA_Guidance.pdf)



## Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation  
Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

*February 27, 2015*



Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Homeland Security  
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Washington, DC 20472

# WHAT IS A DISASTER GRANT?

A presidential major disaster declaration makes funds available if requested by a governor or tribal executive in eligible communities in a state, tribe or territory. The amount of funding is based on the estimated total federal assistance, subject to a sliding scale formula.

## MAINE

**DR-4522:** For the major disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic, the President has authorized, pursuant to section 404 (42 U.S.C.5170c) of the Robert T. Stafford Act Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ("Stafford Act"), FEMA to provide the State of Maine the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

**DR-4647:** On March 15, 2022, President Biden awarded Knox, Waldo, and York Counties a Disaster Declaration for the Halloween Storm Event, October 30-31, 2021. Maine Emergency Management Agency allows all counties in Maine to apply for this funding.

# MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

- ❑ MEMA is the APPLICANT for ALL FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants
- ❑ MEMA is responsible for the creation and FEMA approved State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- ❑ MEMA is the “middle man” for all correspondence between potential sub applicants and sub recipients
- ❑ All reporting of grant management is submitted to MEMA’s State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO)





# SUB APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, state agencies, and tribal governments (including federally recognized tribes who choose to apply as sub applicants) are considered sub applicants and must submit sub applications to their state/territory/tribal applicant agency.

▶ Tribal governments (federally recognized) and non-federally recognized tribes can choose to apply as a sub applicant to an eligible state or territory.

▶ \*\*Homeowners, business operators, and non-profit organizations **cannot** apply directly to FEMA



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MUST BE COST  
EFFECTIVE

\*\*\* Must pass a Benefit  
Cost Analysis (BCA) with  
a Benefit Cost Ratio  
(BCR) of 1.0 or higher

## Benefit-Cost Analysis Toolkit



Due to Microsoft updates, users with older versions of Microsoft Windows and Excel (2013 and 2016) may experience functionality issues with the BCA Toolkit. If you are using an older version of Windows or Excel, FEMA recommends using the BCA Toolkit in [Excel Online](#).

To help complete an analysis within the required guidelines, you must use the BCA Toolkit, which is a calculator developed using FEMA-approved methodologies and tools to show the cost-effectiveness of your projects. Do your BCA early in the project development process to make sure you will meet the cost-effectiveness eligibility requirement.

[BCA Toolkit Installation Instructions](#)

[BCA Toolkit Version 6.0](#) ↓

[Release Notes July 2020](#) 📄

The BCA Helpline's hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday. Email questions to [bchelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:bchelpline@fema.dhs.gov) or call toll free at 1-855-540-6744

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/benefit-cost-analysis>



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Must Align with the applicable hazard mitigation plan

Sub Applicants **must have** a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) by the **application deadline** and at the **time of obligation of grant funds**.

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\*\*\*\*A Town must adopt their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to be eligible.

\*\*\*\* It is not mandatory to have the project listed in the LHMP, however if it is listed in the LHMP this places the project in a better position at review by FEMA as it is a recognized mitigation project within the community.



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA...

Reduce or eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards

**\*\* this is not for maintenance failures.**



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA...

**Meet either of the two latest  
International Building Codes (i.e.  
2015 or 2018) if applicable**



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA...

## Meet all environmental and historic preservation (EHP) requirements

Compliance with all applicable Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws, executive orders and regulations to assess potential impacts of a proposed project on affected physical, cultural (historic and archaeological), biological, and social resources is a condition of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding. Consequently, all HMGP project subapplications must undergo an EHP review as part of FEMA's eligibility review process prior to award.





DR-4522

**Amount available:**  
**\$3,938,919**

**Application Deadline is October 1, 2022 at 1700**

\*After State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) reviews applications, the applications are sent to the State Review Counsel to be ranked. Once ranked, the SHMO will send to FEMA on November 3, 2022.



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may fund projects for:

- ❑ Retrofitting existing buildings to make them less susceptible to damage from a variety of natural hazards.
- ❑ Purchasing hazard prone property to remove people and structures from harm's way.
- ❑ Utility and infrastructure retrofits to reduce risk of failure caused by natural hazards.
- ❑ Drainage improvement projects to reduce potential for flood damage.
- ❑ Slope stabilization projects to reduce risk to people and structures
- ❑ Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans, which are required for state, local, tribal and territorial governments to receive funding for their hazard mitigation projects.
- ❑ Using aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, or green infrastructure methods to reduce the impacts of flood and drought.

# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may fund...

## **Pre-Award Costs**

Pre-award costs are incurred after the HMA application period has opened, but prior to the date of the federal award or final approval, are identified as pre-award costs. For HMGP, the opening of the application period is the date when HMGP is authorized, which is generally the date of the Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Pre-award costs are directly related to developing the HMGP grant application or subapplication. Applicants and subapplicants who are not granted awards or subawards will not receive reimbursement for the corresponding pre-award costs.

Pre-award costs are incurred prior to the date of the grant award. There is no start date for when they can be incurred. They can be incurred any time prior to award.

## **Management Costs:**

100% federally funded

Management costs are any indirect costs and administrative expenses that are reasonably incurred by a Recipient or subrecipient in administering an award or subaward.

DR-4647

**Amount available:  
estimated \$300,000**

**Application Deadline is February 1, 2023 at 1700**

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# COST SHARE GRANT (90/10 SPLIT)

\* A letter of commitment must accompany application

With the passage of the FY22 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, it has brought an exciting opportunity for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as it increases the federal cost share requirement to **90%** for any emergency or major disaster declared between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021, or an incident period that began in 2021. The non-federal share match will only be 10% for subrecipients.

90% federal share  
10 % non federal share (in kind is allowed)



# FEMA HMA GRANTS ARE REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS

- Submit formal letter of request of reimbursement
- Submit invoice
- Submit check stub for proof of payment





# APPLICATION

Send email of synopsis of project to State Hazard  
Mitigation Officer:  
Heather Dumais, [heather.dumais@maine.gov](mailto:heather.dumais@maine.gov)

If the project is eligible, an application will be  
emailed to you.

\*\*Advanced Assistance (project scoping) is only awarded if  
the scoping is accomplished within the application deadline  
period **AND** the project corresponding to the scoping is  
applied for within the application period.



# If application is approved by FEMA and awarded:

1. Award and obligation will be granted an estimated 4- 6 months after application is submitted. FEMA may require Request for Information, management cost application, and pre-site visit before official award.
2. Once official award is received, MEMA and sub recipient will sign contract and hold a “Kick off” meeting.
3. The period of performance is 36 months.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation>



# ? QUESTIONS ?

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