



## FY 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

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### Overview

As appropriated by the *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014* (Public Law 113-76); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing the reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

*In Fiscal Year 2014, \$23,000,000 is available to assist State, Tribal Territorial and local governments reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.*

The PDM Grant Program was created with the goal of assisting states, tribal governments, territories and local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, Public Law 93-288, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5133).

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance applies to the FY 2014 PDM application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

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### Funding

In FY 2014, the total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2014 PDM will be \$23,000,000.

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will receive a base amount of 1 percent of the total appropriated PDM funding, or \$250,000.

\$5 million will be set aside for federally recognized tribal governments to receive up to \$250,000 per tribe.

The balance of PDM program funds will be distributed on a competitive basis.

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## **Eligibility**

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized tribal governments, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and are eligible to apply for FY 2014 PDM program funds.

Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.

Either the state emergency management agency (EMA) or the office that has primary emergency management responsibility is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for PDM Program funds; however, only one application will be accepted from each state, tribe or territory.

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## **Funding Guidelines**

The maximum federal share for PDM sub-applications per HMA Guidance is as follows:

- \$3M for mitigation projects
- \$800,000 for new mitigation plans
- \$300,000 for mitigation plan updates

Additionally, a maximum 10 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the state EMA for management costs, and a maximum of 5 percent of grant funds awarded can be used by the local EMA for management costs. For more information, please see the FY 2014 Funding Opportunity Announcement.

The period of performance for the PDM Program begins with the opening of the application period and ends no later than 24 months from the award date.

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## **Key FY 2014 PDM Changes**

- Application limits were revised to allow a maximum of 11 sub-applications per applicant: 10 for mitigation planning and projects, plus 1 management cost sub-application for applicant management costs up to 10% of the total of their planning and project sub-applications. Out of the 10 mitigation planning and projects, applicants may submit a maximum of 2 project sub-applications.
- Each applicant's number one ranked sub-application must not exceed \$250,000 federal share in order to be eligible for the state and tribal set asides.
- For the FY 2014 PDM program, a permanently installed generator that is a stand-alone project may be considered if the generator protects a critical facility, such as police and fire stations, hospitals, and water and sewer treatment facilities, and can be determined cost-effective via standard HMA benefit-cost methodology.

## **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria**

Applications and sub-applications for PDM must be submitted via the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal: <https://portal.fema.gov>. If a sub-applicant does not use the eGrants system, then the applicant must enter the paper sub-application(s) into the eGrants system on the sub-applicant's behalf.

PDM applications will undergo a complete eligibility review within their respective FEMA Region. FEMA Regions will review the 10 highest ranked planning and project sub-applications plus one management cost sub-application submitted by each applicant through the Mitigation eGrants system to ensure compliance with the HMA Guidance, including eligibility of the applicant and sub-applicant; eligibility of proposed activities and costs; completeness of the sub-application; and eligibility and availability of non-federal cost share.

FEMA will perform a Technical Review for the two highest ranked project sub-applications from each eligible applicant focusing on two areas: (1) Benefit-Cost Analysis; and (2) Engineering Feasibility.

FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications in order of the agency's priorities for the FY 2014 PDM grant program:

- 1% set aside for States/Territories/District of Columbia or \$250,000 federal share
- \$5 million Tribal set aside for a maximum of \$250,000 federal share per tribe
- Mitigation planning sub-applications consistent with 44 CFR Part 201
  1. Plans from applicants without an open Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) application period
  2. Plans from applicants with an open HMGP application period
- Mitigation project sub-applications
  1. Non-flood mitigation projects from applicants without an open HMGP application period
  2. Non-flood mitigation projects from applicants with an open HMGP application period
  3. Flood mitigation projects from applicants without an open HMGP application period
  4. Flood mitigation projects from applicants with an open HMGP application period.