

Appendix O

Project Eligibility for FEMA Grant Funding

Applicant: The State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management is the **Applicant for all** FEMA Grant funds.

Sub-Applicant: Eligible Sub-Applicants are:

- State-level agencies including state institutions
- Local county or municipal governments that have participated in the planning process
- Public colleges and universities claiming status as a participant in the State Plan or as an active participant in a local multi-jurisdictional plan
- Municipal and Regional Utility or Sewer Authorities claiming status as a participant in the State Plan or as an active participant in a local multi-jurisdictional plan
- Private non-profit (PNP) land holding organizations that have actively participated in a local multi-jurisdictional plan

Projects: Eligible Project grants are available for (See Section D.1 of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance – available on-line at FEMA.gov):

- Acquisition of real property (i.e., voluntary purchase of land and structures) for hazard mitigation and dedicated to open space conversion
- Relocation of public or private structures
- Elevation of existing public or private structures to avoid flooding
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting (e.g. storm shutters, hurricane clips, bracing systems) of existing public or private structures to meet/exceed applicable building coders
- Construction of safe rooms (tornado and severe wind shelters) for public and private structures that meet requirements in FEMA 320 and FEMA 361
- Hydrologic and hydraulic studies/analyses, engineering studies and drainage studies integral to an approvable project
- Vegetation management for natural dune restoration, wildfire or snow avalanche
- Protective measures for utilities (e.g. electricity, gas) water and sanitary sewer systems and/or infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges)
- Storm water management projects (e.g. culverts, retention basins) to reduce or eliminate long-term risks from flood hazards
- Localized flood control projects (certain ring levees, bank stabilization, floodwall systems) that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and that do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.

Conditional Projects: Conditional approvable projects (See Section D.1 of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance– available on-line at FEMA.gov):

Ineligible Projects: (See Section D.2 of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance – available on-line at FEMA.gov):

- Projects that do not reduce the risk to people, structures or infrastructure.
- Phased projects that do not solve a problem independently
- Projects for which actual physical work has begun before award of final FEMA approval.
- Preparedness activities
- New building construction Activities required as a result of negligence, lack of maintenance or intentional actions
- Major flood control projects
- Retrofitting facilities primarily used for religious purposes
- Activities that only address man-made, technological hazards
- Projects for the purpose of ornamental landscaping; site hazardous materials remediation; water quality infrastructure; ecological, agricultural or forest management issues

The following activities are **not eligible as stand-alone activities** but are eligible only when included as a functional component of eligible mitigation activities:

- For HMGP and PDM, permanently installed generators and/or related equipment (see FEMA guidance for more info)
- Real property or easement purchases required for the completion of an eligible mitigation project. Real property acquisition or easement is not eligible for safe room projects.
- Studies that are integral to the mitigation project