



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21)  
**Flood Mitigation Assistance**  
Funding Announcement

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant makes federal funds available to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Eligible subrecipients include state agencies, federally recognized tribal governments, and communities including local governments, cities, townships, counties, and special district governments that participate in the NFIP and are not withdrawn, on probation or suspended. Eligible sub-applicants may apply for funding on behalf of individuals, businesses, and non-profits.

If submitting a project application, a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is required by the application deadline and at the time of award (44 CFR 201). Structures identified in the sub-application must have an NFIP policy in effect during the FMA application period and must maintain it through completion of the mitigation activity and for the life of the structure.

**Funding**

\$160 million is available nationwide with the maximum federal share for each of the following project types:

- Project Scoping for individual flood mitigation projects (acquisition and elevation) - \$300,000
- Project Scoping for Community Flood Mitigation projects - \$900,000
- Community Flood Mitigation project construction - \$30,000,000
- Local flood hazard mitigation planning - \$25,000

*Community Flood Mitigation* projects include, but are not limited to, localized flood control, floodwater storage and diversion, floodplain and stream restoration, stormwater management, and wetland restoration/creation.

**Cost Share**

FMA is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal grant. However, FEMA may contribute additional federal share for projects benefiting properties insured under the National Flood Insurance Program that meet the following definitions:

- Severe Repetitive Loss - up to 100%
- Repetitive Loss - up to 90%

**Management Costs**

An additional 5% of the total project cost is available at 100% federal share for management of each sub-grant. Management costs are eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a mitigation project.

**Period of Performance**

The sub-grant Period of Performance will end 36 months after the date FEMA makes the award to DHSEM. However, Community Flood Mitigation Projects may receive up to 48 months.

**FEMA GO - [Registration is required by October 1, 2021.](#)**

All entities are required to register and submit applications in the new FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO). Registration is only possible with assistance from your **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)**

identified in SAM.gov. Your entity AOR must create an account, log into FEMA GO, and assign roles to all individuals tasked with BRIC activities.

View all of FEMA's step-by-step video trainings here:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw\\_OoJlloKKliEE3oWaH0l3cVXb35](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw_OoJlloKKliEE3oWaH0l3cVXb35)

Additional information on FEMA GO is available at:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/fema-go/hazard-mitigation-assistance-grants>

**New Mexico sub-applicants must follow the state's application procedure and deadlines.**

**Please contact the State Mitigation Program with your questions at**

**[DHSEM.mitigation@state.nm.us](mailto:DHSEM.mitigation@state.nm.us)**

Important Dates	
<b>September 9, 2021</b> 9:00am-11:00 am MT	WEBINAR: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Funding Opportunity Overview
<b>September 20, 2021</b>	Final date for requests for individual technical assistance to register your entity in FEMA GO. <b>Participation of your SAM.gov Authorized Organization Representative is mandatory</b>
<b>October 1, 2021</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - All Notices of Interest (NOI) are due <b>AND</b> it is the final date for registration in FEMA GO
<b>October 7, 2021</b> 9:00am-11:00am MT	WEBINAR: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Application Development
<b>November 1, 2021</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - Complete application packets must be submitted in FEMA GO for state review
<b>November 24, 2021*</b> (no later than)	Requests For Information (RFI) will be issued by DHSEM and technical assistance will be offered for any corrections or outstanding items
<b>January 1, 2022</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b> - Complete applications ready for submission to FEMA must be submitted in FEMA GO
<b>June 2022</b>	Estimated FEMA funding selection
<b>December 2022</b>	Estimated FEMA award to DHSEM
<b>January 2023</b>	Estimated DHSEM award to sub-grantees
<b>Webinars will be recorded and posted to the DHSEM website</b>	

\*In order to maximize all open grant funds, DHSEM will prioritize technical assistance to projects selected for submission to BRIC and FMA first, followed by HMGP-PF, then HMGP as these grants are the first to close.

More information on FMA, including the FEMA Notice of Funding Opportunity can be found at:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>

### FMA 2021 Funding Methodology

This methodology describes the steps taken by DHSEM to allocate FMA funding. It identifies the priorities for funding so that applications can be prepared to address the highest priority activities. It also serves as one way to increase transparency by sharing the decision-making approach with all stakeholders. All projects must meet the minimum requirements of 44 CFR 206.434 (b) and 44 CFR 206.435 (b). If more applications are submitted than there is available funding, all applications will be submitted to an Application Ranking Committee for priority ranking.

In order to maximize funding, DHSEM may enter applications submitted for FMA as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program-Post Fire applications. Funds will not be held for projects that do not meet all established deadlines and minimum application criteria. The FMA Application Priorities are:

1. Project Scoping (project scoping is not an eligible project type under HMGP or HMGP-PF)
2. FMA eligible construction projects
3. FMA eligible planning activities

#### Required Criteria

The following standards are required for an application to be eligible for review by the Application Ranking Committee.

- The entity has a FEMA approved mitigation plan
- The entity is in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program
- The entity is in good financial standing via DUNs number or Sam.gov verification
- A completed application was submitted by the deadline
- The project is an eligible HMA project type
- The project describes measures that, if not taken, will have a severe detrimental impact on the sub-applicant, such as potential loss of life, loss of essential services, or economic hardship in the community
- The project effectively reduces risk and increases resilience, realizes ancillary benefits, and/or shortens recovery time (community function, natural environment, other)

#### State Competitive Selection Process

Based upon applications submitted and available funding, plans and projects may need to be prioritized for funding. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) and DHSEM Subject Matter Experts will form an Application Ranking Committee. A non-voting member will act as Observer. The Application Ranking Committee will review the applications and prepare a selection report. Each application will be analyzed based on the relevant federal scoring criteria for each project type. Projects that achieve high scores in all or most categories will be put forward. The Observer shall certify that all entities selected for project recommendation in the report are in good financial standing via DUNs number or Sam.gov verification. The Application Ranking Committee recommendations are provided to the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) for approval. After the GAR provides approval, the SHMO contacts each applicant in writing to notify them if their project was selected or not. If a project is withdrawn or is determined to not meet all eligibility criteria, the project with the next highest ranking is submitted for funding up to the maximum amount of federal dollars remaining.

#### National Competitive Selection

Per the 2021 federal NOFO, the following criteria will be considered in all submitted applications:

1. % of properties meeting the definition of 'Severe Repetitive Loss'
2. % of properties meeting the definition of 'Repetitive Loss'
3. Inclusion of structures that were determined to be Substantially Damaged
4. Less than 25% of structures included in the sub-application are Secondary Dwelling Units pursuant to the active NFIP Policy.
5. CDC Social Vulnerability Index greater than 0

Information on the federal scoring criteria for each project type can be found at:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods/fma-resources>

Please review the State's Mitigation Administrative Plan for additional information. The latest version is posted online at <https://www.nmdhsem.org/preparedness-bureau/mitigation/>