

# SRPC Planning Board UPDATE 1/8/2019



**1** Funding is available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) due to two active Presidential Disaster Declarations that were originally announced in June. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is in the process of accepting applications ([DR4370](#) and [DR4371](#)), which can be submitted up until Feb. 3.

Interested communities must submit a letter of intent via [https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\\_id=1199](https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=1199).

As shared by HSEM staff, supported activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Updating or enhancing sections of the current FEMA-approved mitigation plan, such as:
  - The risk and vulnerability assessment based on new information, including supporting studies, such as economic analyses.
  - The mitigation strategy, specifically strengthening the linkage to mitigation action implementation, with emphasis on available HMA project grant funding.
  - The risk assessment and/or mitigation strategy, incorporating climate adaptation, green building, smart growth principles, or historic properties and cultural resources information.
2. Integrating information from mitigation plans, specifically risk assessment or mitigation strategies, with other planning efforts, such as:
  - Disaster recovery strategy (pre- or post-), preparedness, or response plans
  - Comprehensive (e.g., land use, master) plans
  - Capital improvement or economic development plans
  - Resource management/conservation plans (e.g., stormwater, open space)
  - Other long-term community planning initiatives (e.g., transportation or housing)
3. Building capability through delivery of technical assistance and training
4. Evaluating adoption and/or implementation of ordinances that reduce risk and/or increase resilience” (HMA Guidance, 2015)

Contact SRPC Principal Planner [Kyle Pimental](#) for assistance with submitting a letter of intent, or for more information on future grant funding.

## **2** RESHARE from the SRPC Newsletter:

The NH Municipal Association will hold its [2019 legislative preview webinar](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 9, from noon – 1p.m. The event will be led by government affairs counsel Cordell Johnston and government finance advisor Barbara Reid. The webinar is open to NHMA members and is of interest to all municipal officials and employees. It will include:

- A preview of legislation filed.
- An outline of the messages legislators need to hear from you.
- Recommendations of grassroots actions to allow the municipal voice to be heard.

[Register online.](#)