

SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) related to FEMA-DR-4485 (COVID-19 Pandemic). The application period will be open from December 10, 2021 through April 29, 2022.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time the project is submitted to FEMA for consideration and at the time an award is made except for projects to develop or update mitigation plans. An exception to this requirement may be requested on a case-by-case basis in accordance with FEMA's 2015 Hazard **Mitigation Assistance** Guidance.

All applications must be received by TDEM through the <u>Grants Management</u> <u>System</u> (GMS) no later than **April 29, 2022 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4485 | COVID-19 Pandemic

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

• Eligible subapplicants include local governments and communities, state agencies, and private nonprofit organizations providing essential governmental services.

State Priorities and Considerations (not in priority order)

- Eligible jurisdictions within the declared counties for the disaster declaration.
- Projects that address the principal hazards associated with the disaster declaration (including requests made for assistance from the Texas State Operations Center).
- Projects that demonstrate the greatest community benefit including high Benefit-Cost-Analysis (BCA) and verifiable population directly served or benefiting from the proposed projects.
- Projects that clearly link to the subapplicants hazard mitigation plan.
- Projects that focus on multi-jurisdictional/regional/watershed/COG levels.

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Develop applications in a modular format with scaled deliverables and costs so that partial funding may be considered if the full project amount is not approved.
- Be sure to submit your application to all open HMGP application opportunities and select the "share my application" section of the application to increase the opportunities for project award.
- If you have applied for other HMGP or BRIC grants but have not received an award, it is strongly suggested that you submit quality applications to every available grant opportunity.
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Contact your TDEM regional hazard mitigation grant coordinator/ specialist early to assist with preparing a quality application.
- Review your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and focus on the projects that mitigate the worst hazards in your community.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Property Acquisition & Structure Demolition/Relocation
- ✓ Structure Elevation
- ✓ Mitigation Reconstruction
- ✓ Dry Floodproofing Historical Structures
- ✓ Generators
- ✓ Flood Risk Reduction Projects
- ✓ Retrofitting of Existing Buildings & Structures
- ✓ Safe Room Construction
- ✓ Wind Retrofit for Family Residences
- ✓ Infrastructure Retrofit
- ✓ Soil Stabilization
- ✓ Wildfire Mitigation
- ✓ Post-Disaster Code Enforcement
- ✓ Hazard Mitigation Plans

TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

Click on the links below to be redirected for information.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (FEMA) (Reference)

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

Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended)

https://bit.ly/TDEMProcurement

Required Grant Terms and Conditions (Review Only)

https://bit.ly/3dFpMG6

FEMA Declared Counties Map (Reference)

https://bit.ly/4485Counties

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information – Regional Hazard Mitigation Staff

https://bit.ly/3EObkal