



FEMA

Fiscal Year 2017: Flood Mitigation Assistance Overview

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program.

Funding Available	\$160 million	
Funding Priorities	FEMA’s priorities for the FY17 FMA program are:	
1st Priority	Community flood mitigation advance assistance and projects up to \$70 million. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advance assistance sub-applications not to exceed \$100,000 federal share for flood mitigation design up to \$2 million; and, b. Community flood mitigation project subapplications not to exceed \$10,000,000 federal share per subapplication up to the total remaining. 	
	FEMA will select proposal types based on the below weighted priorities:	
	Priority	Description
	Private Partnership Costshare	Cost share taken on by private organizations/businesses emphasizing community participation, collaboration, and investment. Points will be assigned based on percentage of private cost share invested.
	Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) rating	Assesses effectiveness of enforcement and adequacy of building codes with emphasis on mitigation. Classes weighted based on national class grouping ratings. Highest weight will be assigned to class 1 and descending through lower classes.
	Community Rating System (CRS) Participation	The Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards. Depending upon the level of participation, flood insurance premium rates for policyholders can be reduced up to 45%. Highest weight will be assigned to class 1 and descending through lower classes.
	Cooperating Technical Partners Program (CTP) Participation	Qualified partnership program where communities commit to collaborate in maintaining up-to-date flood hazard maps and other flood hazard information. Points are provided to CTP participating communities.
	International Building Codes (IBC) Adopted	IBC adoption epitomizes community commitment to responsible building regulations. Points are provided to IBC participating communities.
		Total Points Available
	If the total of points results in a tie between two or more of these proposal types, FEMA will use the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ highest Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) for the projects; and, ▪ total number of active policies in the local jurisdiction for advance assistance. 	

2nd priority	Technical assistance sub-applications up to \$50,000 federal share for applicants who were awarded FMA Grant Program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY 2016;
3rd priority	Planning sub-applications up to \$100,000 federal share per applicant with a maximum of \$50,000 for the flood portion of state mitigation plans and \$25,000 for local flood mitigation planning;
4th priority	<p>Competitive funding for property flood mitigation projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet definition part (b)(ii) of a SRL property: at least two separate NFIP claim payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured structure; b. Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition of a FMA RL property: have incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25% of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event; c. Projects that will mitigate at least 50 percent of structures included in the sub-application that meet definition part (b)(i) of a SRL property: four or more separate NFIP claims payments have been made with the amount of each claim exceeding \$5,000, and with the cumulative amount of claims payments exceeding \$20,000. <p>FEMA will further prioritize projects in priorities 4.a-4.c above as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The highest percentage of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition from 100 to 50 percent; 2. The largest number of structures included in the sub-application that meet the definition; and, 3. FEMA-validated Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR).
5th Priority	The balance of FMA grant program funding will be distributed on a competitive basis to all eligible applicants for flood hazard mitigation projects.
Eligibility	All 50 states and territories are eligible to apply for the FY 2016 FMA grant program. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must apply to their applicant state/territory.
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