



Flood Mitigation





Gatekeepers



Program
Design



Available
Resources

“Gatekeeper” Questions

Does my community participate in the NFIP?

Is our Hazard Mitigation Plan still approved?

My state has a large HMGP allocation.

Do we have a plan support the cost share (if applicable)?

Do I have an eGrants account?

“Program Design” Questions

Will my project benefit the National Flood Insurance Program?

What are the mitigation priorities in my community?

Do I have the latest NFIP statistics for my community?

What does my governing body has the appetite for?

Do we have the staff bandwidth/resource to complete an application?

“Program Design” Questions

Are there SRL/RL properties in my community?

Have you participated in a project funded by a federal grant in the past?

Can my grant application score well for State and/or Federal criteria?

Do I have enough time for outreach/intake prior to meet deadlines?

“Program Design” Questions

Are my proposed projects included in my HMP?

Are there substantial damage (SubDam) properties that we can address?

Do we have prior applications that did not get funded under another grant cycle or another grant altogether (e.g. FEMA PA, FHWA, CDBG-DR)?

Can I get my project done in the period of performance?

“What resources are available to help?”

- State OEM
- State - Other Agencies
- FEMA Regional staff
- FEMA National Hotlines
- FEMA Websites
- FEMA Job Aides
- FEMA Webinars
- Mitigation/Floodplain Manager Associations
- Mitigation Blogs/message boards/LinkedIn community
- Mitigation professionals
- Private Sector/Subject Matter Experts
 - Funded through grant application, if awarded

Mitigation Program Challenges

Application

Mitigation Application Challenges

90 day window (**State deadlines can vary**)

Enforcement of minimum application criteria

Homeowner outreach

Application development

Project scoping decisions

Local match(cash or in-kind)

RFI clarifications with State & FEMA

FEMA mandated 'special conditions' as a result of applicant risk assessment

Benefit-Cost Analysis

Environmental/Historic review requirements

Eligible pre-award costs

Priorities



Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

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Mitigation Program Challenges

Implementation

Mitigation Project Implementation Challenges

Notification of award

Complexity of local, state and federal oversight

Abiding by HMA regulations throughout the grant process

3 year project deadline

Property owner interaction

Grant administration & project management

Contractor management

Technical engineering capabilities and design

Budget management and avoiding cost overruns

Changes in project costs

Quarterly reporting



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Best Practices

Application	Implementation	Planning
Make your application stand-out	Procure a cadre of contractors to support implementation	Don't forget you have a plan!
Meet your deadlines (local, state & federal)	Coordinate with Federal Stakeholders (e.g. USACE, NEPA, EHP)	Seek and/or procure planning assistance early
Identify and coordinate with your State HMA contact	Coordinate with State and Local Stakeholders (e.g. SHPO)	For multi-jurisdictional plans, keep engaged with the partnership
Target and highlight benefits to SRL properties & be aware of prioritizations	Identify grant administration & project management resources	Identify and obtain the "best available data"?
Include appropriate documentation, estimates & funding for implementation	Identify financial support (budget management & cost overrun monitoring)	Set realistic and achievable Strategies, goals and actions for five years
Involve your community	Have a plan for required reporting	Plan integration
Make sure your project is cost-effective & contains required documentation	Obtain and maintain accurate technical estimates and supporting documentation	Give yourself time
Increased Cost Share		

Questions & Discussion

