FUNDING PROFILE PEMA FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

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SUMMARY

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides grants to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures under the National Flood Insurance Program.

- Program administered by PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
- Nationwide annual program funding (2022/23): \$800 million
- Funding Source: Federal FEMA Budget

FEATURES

Pre-disaster mitigation program. Purpose of program is to reduce repetitive flood damage and claims against the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and help develop or update hazard mitigation plans. Must be NFIP-insured.

New focus on mitigation of climate change and emphasis on nature based solutions for community projects.

Highly competitive program nationally.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

States, territories and tribal government; local governments and state agencies can apply as subapplicants; must have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and participate in the NFIP. Property must be in 100-year floodplain and insured through NFIP.

Eligible Costs

Project scoping - \$10 million; community projects (max \$900,000) and individual projects (max \$300,000)
Community Flood Mitigation Projects - \$30 million cap (most project funded at \$1 million to \$5 million)
Technical assistance - \$50,000 cap
Local flood hazard mitigation planning - \$25,000 cap

10% allowed for administrative costs

Match: Federal funding up to 75% of eligible activity costs.





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HELPFUL TIPS

Up to 5% of the total subapplication budget can be used for management costs if project is awarded (i.e., consultant help with application).

Individual projects are prioritized based on severity and frequency of repetitive losses to NFIP-insured structures.

Subapplicants must have FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan and participate in the NFIP.

PA DCED Community Block Grants can be used as local match.

HOW TO APPLY

Local governments: submit a Letter of Interest to PEMA by 10/19/22; PEMA then selects projects for full applications that are due 11/16/22. States apply to FEMA via <u>FEMA Grants Outcomes (GO)</u>.

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