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# NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) FY 2022 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) on August 12, 2022. NCEM is now accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) from all eligible applicants for possible inclusion in the State's FMA submission to FEMA. Eligible applicants are local governments or non-federally recognized tribes with approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plans. Applicants must be actively participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and not be withdrawn, on probation, or suspended. All communities can check verify their NFIP community's status at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book">https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book</a>. In addition to the community's participation in the NFIP, any property identified and submitted in the community's application must also have an active NFIP policy (the policy can be either and individual policy or a Group Flood Insurance Policy [GFIP]) prior to September 30, 2022 and the policy MUST remain in effect for the remaining life of the structure.

All Letters of Interest must be received by NCEM HM no later than the Close of Business (5pm) on **November 4, 2022**.

The information provided below is a summary of FEMA's NOFO (DHS-22-MT-029-000-98). Please review the complete document and accompanying support material at <a href="https://www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC">www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC</a>

#### Who?

All eligible sub-applicants for the State's Hazard Mitigation Program are invited to submit LOIs in EM Grants starting now (the date of this letter). Eligible sub-applicants may submit ideas, plans and shovel-ready projects to the State. The State will then convene a peer review panel at the closing of the LOI period to score and rank the projects using the scoring criteria outlined in the FEMA-NOFO

### What?

The FMA grant program makes federal funds available to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Funds can be used for Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) activities, cost-effective Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects, Individual Flood Mitigation Projects. Federal funds will also be provided to support each sub-applicant's management costs, if the sub-applicant's project is selected and awarded by the FEMA and the FMA review panel (a total of 5% of the project's award amount). Total available funding nationwide for the FMA 2022 is \$800M.

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Office Location: 200 Park Offices Drive Suite 100 Durham, NC 27713 The available funding for the 2022 FMA program is outlined in the picture below:



Further breakdown and funding caps for each of the categories identified above is as follows:

Fed-share funding caps for FMA Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB) activities per sub-application are:

• \$100,000 for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans under 42 U.S.C. 4104c(c)(3)(F) per Applicant maximums of:

○\$50,000 for state multi-hazard mitigation planning ○\$25,000 for local multi-hazard mitigation planning

- \$50,000 for Technical Assistance to states (42 U.S.C. 4104c(c)(3)(J))
- \$900,000 for Project Scoping
- \$300,000 for Additional C&CB Activities (Partnership Development, Enhancing Local Floodplain Management, SRL/RL Strategy Plan Development, and other eligible C&CB activities under 42 U.S.C. 4104c(c)(3)(G). These project types are defined in section E of the FEMA FMA2022 NOFO.

Fed-share funding cap for FMA Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects is \$50,000,000 per project.

Finally, all sub-applications will compete nationally after being prioritized in the State's peer review panel. Project scoring is outlined on pages 26-38 of the full FEMA FMA 2022 NOFO available at <a href="https://www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC">www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC</a>

#### Where?

All LOI's must be submitted in the EM Grants portal no later than <u>5 PM</u>, <u>November 4</u>, <u>2022</u>. The State will screen sub-applications using a staff and peer review panel and notify those that meet Federal and State priorities and eligibility no later than <u>November 15</u>, <u>2022</u>. Once notified by the State of application selection, sub-applicants will then begin the process of entering their application in FEMA GO. Sub-applicants are required to complete their sub-applications no later than <u>December 16</u>, <u>2022</u>. The State will then do a final review of all sub-applications entered into FEMA GO using the same criteria outlined in the FEMA-FMA NOFO. The State will share any findings and return to the sub-applicants any additional effort that must be done on their application by December 21, 2022. The sub-applicants must provide the additional information needed to complete their sub-application in <u>FEMA-Go by 5:00 p.m on January 7</u>, 2023.

### When – Key Dates for the 2022 FMA program?

Group	<b>Key Dates:</b>	Required
All	August 24, 2022:	NCEM NOFO Released
Local	November 4, 2022 (5pm):	LOI submitted via EMGrants Pro
State	November 10-11, 2022:	Peer Review - LOI Panel
State	November 15, 2022	Notifications & Invitation To Apply, if selected
Local Gov't	November 16, 2022:	Begin Grant Sub-Applications in <b>FEMA GO</b>
Local Gov't	<b>December 16, 2022 (5pm)</b>	<b>Sub-Application due in FEMA GO</b>
State/Local	December 21, 2022	RFI's from State for missing information
Local Gov't	January 7, 2023 (5pm)	Final Sub-Application due in FEMA GO
State	January 27, 2023 (3pm):	State's Application Due Date

## Additional Application/Submission Information and Instructions

The Period of Performance (POP) is 36 months from the date the State receives the federal award letter from FEMA.

Cost share is required for all sub-applications funded under this program. Generally, the cost share for this program is 75 percent federal / 25 percent non-federal. This means federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of eligible costs and the remaining 25 percent of eligible costs must be provided by the local government or other non-federal and State sources. FEMA will provide 100 percent of the federal funding for sub-recipient management costs. FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share for Repetitive Loss (RL) properties and up to 100 percent federal cost share for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties.

To obtain an up-to-date list of properties in your jurisdiction that may be RL or SRL, complete a "REQUEST FOR NFIP POLICY HOLDER PII" form and email it to <a href="mailto:fema-r4-nfip-data-request@fema.dhs.gov">fema-r4-nfip-data-request@fema.dhs.gov</a>. You can download the form at <a href="www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC">www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC</a> and paste it on city/county letterhead.

FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share if the average <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score</u> is not less than 0.5001 for the area(s)/property included in the sub-application.

The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. Cash and third-party in-kind matches must consist of eligible costs (i.e., same eligibility as the federal share). Applicants cannot apply other federal award funds toward the FMA non-federal cost share unless the other federal statutory authority allows the funds to be used to meet cost-share requirements. Additionally, NCEM discourages the use of other State funds for the local match. Extra points are available for communities who provide an overmatch.

Any community intending to apply for this funding opportunity must be registered in the **System for Award Management (SAM)**. If you are not registered in SAM, you must take action to get registered in SAM prior to submitting a LOI. New registrations may take up to 4 weeks to get completed in the SAM system, so communities must act now to get registered.

Effective April 4, 2022, the Federal Government transitioned from using the Data Universal Numbering System or DUNS number, to a new, non-proprietary identifier known as a Unique Entity Identifier or UEI. For entities that had an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to this

date, the UEI has automatically been assigned and no action is necessary. For all entities filing a new registration in SAM.gov on or after April 4, 2022, the UEI will be assigned to that entity as part of the SAM.gov registration process.

Please review the full FEMA Notice of Funding Opportunity, along with NCDPS's FMA grant development webinars and other helpful tools at www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC.

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The State looks forward to working with all sub-applicants and supporting them in their efforts to successfully complete their FMA 2022 application.

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