



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Emergency Management

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### **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)** **HMG DR-4568-NC (Hurricane Isaias)**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in response to the President’s declaration for Hurricane Isaias, created the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4568 for the State of North Carolina. In response to the grant’s establishment, the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Hazard Mitigation (HM) Section announces we are now accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) from qualified sub-applicants for properties to consider and evaluate for inclusion in the State’s HMGP application submission to FEMA. Eligible sub-applicants are local governments with a FEMA and NCEM approved and adopted Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. All letters of Interest are to be uploaded through the EMGrants portal (<http://emgrants.nc.gov/>) for the HM Section’s evaluation no later than 5pm, February 12th, 2021. LOIs not submitted by this deadline in EMGrants will not be considered.

### **LOI Deadline: 5pm – February 12th, 2021**

NCEM HM Section Staff will screen, rate, and prioritize all projects for eligibility and cost effectiveness. HMGP DR-4568 priorities are:

#### **Primary**

- Residential Mitigation
  - Acquisition (“Buyout”)
  - Elevation (“House Raising”)
  - Mitigation Reconstruction (“Demo/Rebuild”)

#### **Secondary**

- 5% Initiative Projects
  - Generators
  - Early Warning Systems /Stream gauges
- 7% Projects
  - Planning Related Activities
  - Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates

#### **Hazard Mitigation Project Types:**

- **Acquisition:** The acquisition or “buyout” of a home uses FEMA funds to purchase the structure and land from a willing homeowner. The homeowner is offered pre-disaster fair market value for their structure, if qualified, as determined by a certified appraiser. Once the home and property are acquired by the county/municipality, the home is demolished and the land is deeded to the local government with an open space restriction into perpetuity to restore or conserve natural floodplain functions. The property must have clear title. Prior to closing on the home, the county/municipality must check for any duplication of benefits and deduct any funds received, but not used, by the homeowner from Individual Assistance or Flood Insurance in the repair of the home. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to keep any and all receipts for repairs they have completed using these funds.
- **Elevation:** Elevating a home is the physical raising (elevation and foundation retrofit) of an existing structure to an elevation 1 foot higher than the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or higher if required by FEMA or the local ordinance. The project pays for engineering to determine if the home is feasible to raise, then elevates and retrofits the foundation.

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• **Mitigation Reconstruction:** Mitigation Reconstruction is the construction of an improved, code compliant, elevated home on the same site where the existing home has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed. This option is available to those with existing homes that are not feasible for elevation due to deferred maintenance or storm damage to the foundation, flooring, or walls of the home.

**Benefit Cost Analysis:** For these priority project types, the FEMA pre-calculated benefit waivers are still in effect for properties in the Special Flood Hazard Area (AE Zone). Note that properties may be aggregated in order to produce a cost-effective result. The NCEM HM Section will do a benefit cost analysis to ensure maximization of eligible properties. Properties outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (i.e. “X zone”) are being considered in this analysis, but may not be submitted into the final application to FEMA if the BCR is less than 1.0. Note: “X Zone” Properties must be submitted with the FEMA BCA 6.0 Module at the time of LOI submission.

BCA Waiver Conditions:

• **Acquisition,** if a property is located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (AE or VE Zone), and the entire acquisition and demolition cost for that property is \$276,000 or less, the property is considered to be cost effective.

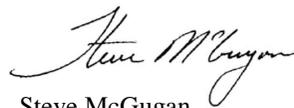
• **Elevation,** if a property is located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (AE or VE Zone), and the entire elevation cost for that property is \$175,000 or less, the property is considered to be cost effective.

• **Mitigation Reconstruction,** if a property is located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area (AE or VE Zone), and the eligible Federal allowable construction costs are \$150,000 or less, the property is considered to be cost effective.

**Applicant Intake:** Communities will develop a process (community meeting or one-on-one session) for gathering documentation and application information from community residents. During these meetings, the sub-applicant should have all applicants complete and sign both a PSI and a FEMA Declaration and Release Form (FEMA Form 009-0-3) Please notify the HM Section for additional information, assistance obtaining the required forms and if you desire HM Staff to assist at these community meetings.

**Submission of Letters of Interest:** LOIs are due no later than 5pm February 12th, 2021. Letters of Interest will be submitted in the HMGP portal at <http://emgrants.nc.gov/> using the “Application” feature.

If you have any questions about the HMGP, Technical Assistance with applicant intake, or eligibility as an applicant please contact the HM Section Development Supervisor, Jason Pleasant at 919-873-5852.



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