HMGP APPLICANT INFORMATION

MITIGATION

RMS Section
The Texas Division of Emergency Management
404 Mitigation
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

• Construction projects, Planning projects, and Initiative projects

• 25% Local & 75% Federal Cost Share

• Open to all eligible applicants statewide

• Eligible Applicants: State Agencies, Local governments, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, Private Non-Profits
Applicant Eligibility Requirements

• State and FEMA approved Mitigation Action Plan effective prior to the award of the project

• Local emergency management plan at the basic level of approval

• Participating members must be in good standing with NFIP if requesting a flood control project
Mitigation Plan Requirement

You must have a current approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan before you receive your award, if selected.

If your plan expires before the award of your project, or do not have an approved plan at the time of award, the application is no longer eligible.
What is a ‘good’ project?

• Good projects take planning and preparation

• Good projects address true hazard risk not minor inconvenience

• Addresses a hazard profiled in approved local mitigation plan

• Project will be completed in two years from the award.
Some of the Commonly Successful Mitigation Construction Projects:

- Acquisition / Demolition
- Structural Flood Control Projects – small retention ponds, canalization, large subterranean storm sewers.
- Retrofits – roof and window wind retrofits, utility elevations.
- Community Tornado Safe Rooms
- Individual Tornado Safe Room rebates
City of Lancaster Acquisitions/Demolitions

Federal Share: $1.059 mil

Benefit: Removed flooded homes from flood prone area.
City of Laredo, Drainage Improvements

Federal Share: $3.299 mil

Benefit: Improves drainage
Holy Trinity High School Community Safe Room

Location: City of Temple, Bell County
Federal Share: $1.1 mil

Benefit: Tornado Safe Room

Alternate use: Dining Room, Auditorium
City of Lumberton Community Safe Room

Community Safe Room

Alternate Use: Auditorium for Performing Arts
North Central Texas COG
Individual Safe Room Rebate Program

Cost: Approx. $6,000 per safe room at 50% Federal Share, plus $100 Administration fee per safe room

Benefit: protects family from tornados and extreme wind events
Above Ground, or In Ground
Some of the Commonly Successful Mitigation Projects:

- Warning Systems**
- Emergency Generators**
- Public Information Campaigns
- Planning Grants*
5% Initiative

A Benefit Cost Analysis is not required

- Warning projects – sirens, low water crossing, reverse callback, text warning
- Public Outreach Campaigns
- Some Emergency Generators
- Watch costs due to small cap
Project: Hays County Low Water Crossing Warning System, 13 systems

Federal Share: $600k

Benefit: Warns of flooded roads
City of San Marcos
Tornado Warning Sirens

Federal Share: $255k

Benefit: city wide public warning system

This system was recently used during severe thunderstorms and potential tornado development!!
Madison County Emergency Generator

Federal Share: $32.5k

Benefit: COOP of Emergency Operation
Official Texas Hurricane Guide

Federal Share: $1,547,336.00

Benefit: Public Education
Mitigation Plans

If you want to qualify for mitigation grants by having a Mitigation Action Plan, you can get a Planning Grant

- $60k (federal) for the base plan + $6k for each participant

- Alternate planning activities, to help you better understand your risk, also eligible, no cap. (dam breach, flood study, wildfire study)

- Watch costs due to small cap, and can’t get alternate planning activity for hazard not profiled in mitigation plan
In-eligible Mitigation Projects

• Equipment: including two-way radios, fire trucks, rescue boats, computers.

• Dry-flood proofing of residential structures.

• Utility upgrades.

• Salary (except as part of a Code Enforcement project).

• Maintenance Activities.

• Erosion Control.
PA versus HMGP Mitigation

**PA**
- 406
- Repair to pre-disaster
- Mitigation only on the damaged area

**HMGP**
- 404
- Reduce future potential
- Does not have to be damaged area
Application Process

1. Go to TDEM web site and download appropriate application package: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/index.htm
   - General (everything else)
   - Planning Grant
   - Individual Safe Room Rebate
   - Initiative Generator

2. Follow the instructions.

3. Mail in the completed and executed application packet with all the supporting documentation by published Deadline
What is a ‘good’ application?

Is the application complete?

Did you use the current guidance?

Using the application can a reviewer:

– Draw a dimensional picture of your project
– Identify environmental issues
– Verify cost effectiveness and engineering feasibility
Things that you need to know:

- Most stringent of Federal, State or Local laws and regulations apply.
- Title 44, Code of Federal Regulation.
- Title 2, Code of Federal Regulation.
- Texas Local Government Code.
Changes to the Federal Guidance

Per 2 CFR 200, Administrative Requirements for Federal Grants:

1. If a consultant service was used to prepare the application on a project, the consultant will not be eligible to participate as a project administrator unless the consultant was procured to prepare AND administer the project in the same solicitation prior to award of the project.
Changes continued:

2. Cost plus percentage, or percentage of construction cost type contract are ineligible.

3. Retainer contracts (or service contracts on retainer) are not eligible.

4. Procurement must be followed per Federal, State or Local laws and regulations, most stringent applies. Most common: Small purchase, Sealed bids, and Competitive Sealed Proposal.
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