



SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA DR-4781, April 2024 Severe Storms grant. The application period will open on July 15, 2024 and close on February 28, 2025.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures before disasters strike.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time the project is submitted to FEMA for consideration and at the time an award is made except for projects to develop or update mitigation plans. An exception to this requirement may be requested on a case-bycase basis in accordance with FEMA's 2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance.

All applications must be received by TDEM through the <u>Grants Management</u>. <u>System</u> (GMS) no later than **February 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) April 2024 Severe Storms, FEMA DR-4781

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

Eligible sub-applicants include local governments and communities, state agencies, and private nonprofit organizations providing essential governmental services.

Priorities and Considerations

- Eligible jurisdictions within the declared counties for the disaster declaration
- Projects that address the principal hazards associated with the disaster declaration (including requests made for assistance from the Texas State Operations Center)
- Projects that demonstrate the greatest community benefit including high Benefit-Cost-Analysis (BCA) and verifiable population directly served or benefiting from the proposed projects
- Projects that clearly link to the sub-applicants' hazard mitigation plan
- Projects that focus on multi-jurisdictional, regional, watershed, or COG levels

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Attend DR-4781 Information sessions (see next page)
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
- Contact your TDEM regional hazard mitigation grant coordinator early to assist with preparing a quality application.
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the TDEM Grants Management System (GMS). GMS Is used to apply for, track, and manage a variety of FEMA grants. To register, please visit https://grants.tdem.texas.gov/.





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FEMA Declared Counties Map

Regional Chiefs Map

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES*

Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition/Relocation

- ✓ Structure Elevation
- ✓ Mitigation Reconstruction
- ✓ Dry Floodproofing
- ✓ Generators
- ✓ Flood Risk Reduction Projects
- ✓ Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Structures
- ✓ Safe Room Construction
- ✓ Infrastructure Retrofit
- ✓ Soil Stabilization
- ✓ Wildfire Mitigation
- ✓ Post-Disaster Code Enforcement
- ✓ Hazard Mitigation Plans

*Other eligible activities described in the 2023 HMA Guidance

TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

Click on the links below to be redirected for information:

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (FEMA) (Reference)

https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation

TDEM Applicant Information Sessions (Highly Recommended)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in an information session which will review grant requirements and provide an opportunity to ask questions. Click here-to-register.

Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended)

TDEM Federal Procurement Training

TDEM Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Overview (Highly Recommended)

Applicants with construction projects are encouraged to participate in an information session on the methods for demonstrating cost effectiveness. Click here to register.

Required Grant Terms and Conditions (Review Only)

Prior to application, please review the grant terms and conditions that are required under this NOFO. Click Here