

## SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) -FY2024 Post Fire. The application period is now open and will end on November 1, 2024.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-Post Fire assistance helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters.

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-by-case 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 **November 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

# NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): Post Fire Fiscal Year 2024

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

#### Eligibility

Eligible subapplicants include local governments and communities, state agencies, and private nonprofits may act as subapplicants for HMGP Post Fire if they own or operate a private nonprofit facility as defined in <u>Section 102 (11)</u> (B) of the Stafford Act.

#### **Priorities and Considerations**

Funding will first be made available to the county, counties or burned tribal lands that received an FMAG declaration. A project may be outside of this area as long as the risk reduction activity benefits the declared county or counties (e.g., watershed mitigation). If funding cannot be used in the affected area, then it may be available statewide regardless of whether it benefits a declared county.

#### **Available Funding**

The available amount of funding will not be determined by FEMA until the end of the fiscal year based on the number of Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG) awarded. At the time of this announcement, approximately \$1.9 million is available. Each additional FMAG declaration will add another \$985,111 to the available funding through September 30, 2024.

### TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Develop applications in a modular format with scaled deliverables and costs so that partial funding may be considered if the full project amount is not approved.
- Review the <u>State Administrative Plan</u> to develop your application in alignment with the State Priorities.
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Contact your <u>TDEM Regional Hazard Mitigation Section Chief</u> coordinator early to assist with preparing a quality application.

## PRIORITZED ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

#### **Wildfire Mitigation Projects**

- ✓ Defensible space
- ✓ Reducing hazardous fuels
- ✓ Remove standing, burned trees
- ✓ Ignition-resistant construction

#### **5% Initiative Projects**

✓ Installing warning signs

#### Infrastructure Retrofit Projects

✓ Strengthen or harden water systems that were burned and caused contamination

#### **Soil and Slope Stabilization Projects**

- ✓ Reseeding ground cover
- ✓ Planting grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds
- ✓ Mulching with straw or chipped wood
- ✓ Placing logs/other erosion barriers to catch sediment on slopes
- Installing debris traps to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms

#### **Post-Wildfire Flood Prevention and Sediment Projects**

- ✓ Modifying or removing culverts
- ✓ Adding drainage dips and constructing emergency spillways
- Constructing straw, rock, or log dams in small tributaries to prevent flooding.

Any eligible activity in FEMA's HMA Guidance may also be considered.

#### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Information sessions for jurisdictions interested in applying for this funding opportunity will be held by Zoom on **Friday**, **June 14**, **2024 and August 9**, **2024 at 1:00 PM CST**. <u>Click Here to Register</u>

#### TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (Reference)

Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended)

Grant Terms and Conditions

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Information for Regional Hazard Mitigation Section Chiefs