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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Managers and Native American Tribal Governments

FROM: David Halstead, Director *MCH*
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2011 FLOOD MITIGATION GRANTS -- Notice of Funding Availability and the Open Application Period for the SRL, RFC and FMA Grant Programs

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is pleased to announce the opening of the FY 2011 funding cycle for three Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood mitigation grant programs administered by DEM:

- Severe Repetitive Loss Program (SRL)
- Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)

Local governments or Indian tribes participating in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are invited to submit grant applications on behalf of their NFIP insured property owners of flood damaged buildings or structures located in a Special Flood Hazard Area identified on FEMA flood maps.

The deadline to submit grant applications to the State is 4:00 p.m. on October 8, 2010. After a technical and cost effectiveness review, DEM will submit approved applications to FEMA by December 3, 2010. To submit a grant application, the local government or Indian Tribe must have a current approved and adopted Local Mitigation Strategy AND the property owner must have a current NFIP insurance policy in effect when the application is submitted to the State.

Detailed guidance on each program can be found in FEMA's *Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance, June 1, 2010*, available online at FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225>. Applications for the three programs must be submitted to the DEM using FEMA's eGrants System. If not already registered, new applicants should register in the eGrants system at <https://portal.fema.gov>. In addition, a Benefit Cost Analysis for each application must be attached to the application using FEMA's BCA Toolkit.

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Although the three grant programs have common elements, differences are found in the ratio of federal share funds paid by FEMA, the non-federal matching funds expected from the NFIP property owner AND the number of NFIP claims on file for the property as outlined below.

FEMA Grant Program	Federal Share	Local (Homeowner) Match	Minimum # of NFIP Claims
Severe Repetitive Loss Program (SRL)	90%	10%	Four
Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)	75%	25%	None
Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC)	100%	0%	One

Applications MUST contain ALL of the following documentation for the state review:

1. Cost-effective Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
2. Elevation Certificate or Plat Survey that shows the first or lowest floor elevation
3. Photos of each side of the house (North, South, East and West)
4. Detailed Scope of Work that describes the proposed mitigation project type (ex. Elevation or Acquisition) and the construction method(s) to be used.
5. Proof of Current NFIP Insurance
6. Building Contractor's project cost estimate.

Grant Program Highlights

Eligible Application Project Types:

1. Acquisition, demolition or relocation and conversion of land restricted to open space;
2. Elevation of existing structures 2+ feet above Base Flood Elevation;
3. Minor localized flood reduction;
4. Dry flood-proofing of historic residential or non-residential structures only; and
5. Mitigation Reconstruction (for Severe Repetitive Loss properties only).

In addition to the eligible project types above, project applications must: 1) be cost effective as determined by a FEMA approved Benefit Cost Analysis method; 2) be technically feasible; 3) be consistent with goals and objectives in the Florida State Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan; and 4) comply with NFIP floodplain management standards, environmental laws and the local Floodplain Ordinance.

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Technical assistance is available from the State's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program staff to conduct homeowner workshops and answer questions about eligible project requirements and application development. Please consult the attached Territorial Assignment Map to identify the Mitigation Planner for your area or contact Shemeeka Hopkins, Planning Manager, Non-Disaster Programs at 850-922-4079 or via email at: Shemeeka.hopkins@em.myflorida.com.

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