



STATE OF FLORIDA

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT


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MEMORANDUM

TO: City/County Officials, Floodplain Coordinators and Native American Tribal Governments

FROM: Bryan W. Koon, Director
Florida Division of Emergency Management 

SUBJECT: Notice of Funding Availability and Open Application Period for the Severe Repetitive Loss, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Repetitive Flood Claims Grant Programs

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is pleased to announce the opening of the FY 2012 application cycle for three flood mitigation grant programs funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). You are invited to apply on behalf of eligible property owners in your community, **starting today through October 3, 2011**. We are providing important details about these flood grant opportunities to local governments early to allow adequate time to prepare applications for interested property owners in your area who are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and who want mitigation solutions that protect their homes against future flood damage.

The three grant programs differ primarily 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. *In each case, the property must have a current NFIP insurance policy in effect.*

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

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Local governments may submit FY 2012 applications to the Division of Emergency Management by **5:00 p.m. on October 3, 2011**. Any applications received after this date may have to be considered for the next funding cycle. After a technical feasibility and cost effectiveness review, DEM will submit eligible applications to FEMA.

Applications for the three programs must be submitted to the DEM using FEMA's eGrants System. Interested and eligible entities may register for eGrants at <https://portal.fema.gov>. In addition, a Benefit Cost Analysis for each application must be conducted and attached to the application using FEMA's BCA Toolkit. You are invited to review detailed FEMA guidance on each program at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225>.

Grant Program Highlights

Sub-Applicant Eligibility: Local governments and Native American Indian Tribes that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and have a FEMA approved Local Mitigation Strategy are eligible to submit applications on behalf of property owners with current NFIP insurance who can meet the non-federal cost-share requirements.

Eligible Subapplication Project Types:

1. Acquisition, demolition or relocation and conversion of land to open space;
2. Elevation of existing structures 2+ feet above Base Flood Elevation;
3. Minor physical localized flood control;
4. Dry floodproofing of commercial and historic residential structures; and
5. Mitigation Reconstruction for Severe Repetitive Loss properties only (\$150,000 cap).

In addition to the eligible project types above, project applications must meet these criteria:

- Be cost effective as determined by a FEMA approved Benefit Cost Analysis method;
- Be technically feasible;
- Be consistent with goals and objectives in the Florida Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan; and
- Comply with NFIP floodplain management standards, environmental laws and the local Floodplain Ordinance.

You are encouraged to take advantage of Technical Assistance resources available from the State's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program who are available to meet with your staff, conduct workshops with property owners and answer questions about eligible projects, application development and other FEMA application requirements. Please consult the attached Territorial Assignment Map to identify the Mitigation Planner for your area or contact Joy Duperault, Community Program Manager, Non-Disaster Programs at (850) 922-4518 or via email at: Joy.Duperault@em.myflorida.com.

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Attachment: FDEM Territorial Assignments Map