

# Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2022 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

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FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides funds to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, FEMA will distribute up to \$800 million.

## Fiscal Year 2022 Funding

Each year FEMA publishes a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program. The FY 2022 Flood Mitigation Assistance funding opportunity can be accessed at [Grants.gov](#). Please review the funding opportunity as it provides detailed program information, grant application, and administration requirements. This fact sheet covers Flood Mitigation Assistance program changes for this grant cycle including funding caps, cost share requirements, application and funding deadlines, eligibility requirements, and includes additional resources to assist with application development.

Awards made under this funding opportunity will be funded, in whole or in part, with funds appropriated by the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#), also more commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The law is a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, which will grow a more sustainable, resilient and equitable economy by enhancing U.S. competitiveness and ensuring stronger access to economic and environmental benefits for disadvantaged communities. It appropriates billions of dollars to FEMA to promote resilient infrastructure, respond to the impacts of climate change, and equip our nation with the resources to combat its most pressing threats.

## Changes for the Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Cycle

Changes in this grant cycle include:

- **Increase in total available funding**, more than five times the previous Flood Mitigation Assistance level from \$160 million in FY 2021 to \$800 million in FY 2022.
- **Increased the federal cost share for disadvantaged communities** to 90% for Capability and Capacity Building activities, Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects, and Individual Flood Mitigation Projects where average [CDC Socially Vulnerable Index score](#) is not less than 0.5 for the project benefitting area. When the



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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funding is exhausted, this enhanced cost share cannot be extended to the remaining funds made available for this grant cycle.

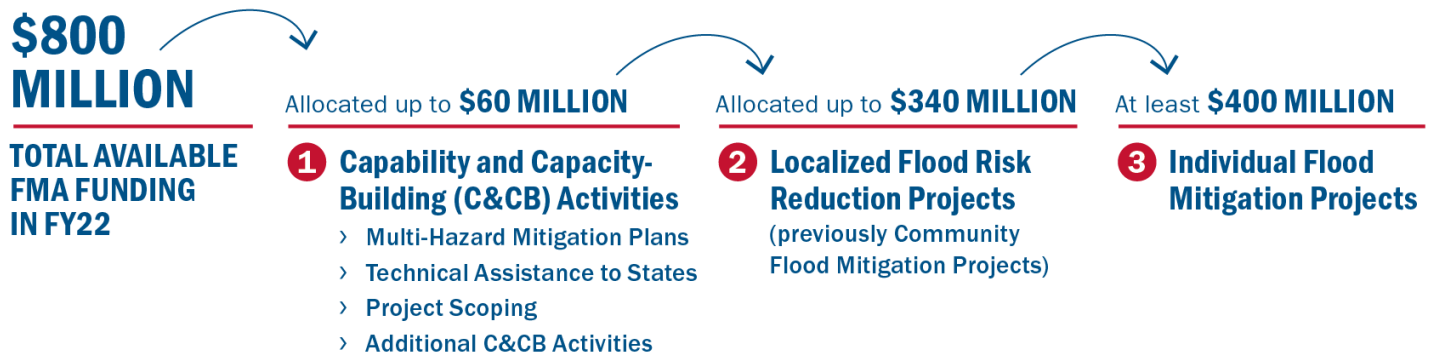
- **Added [Capability and Capacity Building Activities](#) as a new priority activity** to enhance the knowledge, skills and expertise of the local community to expand or improve the administration of flood mitigation assistance. Examples of activities include: (1) develop or update hazard mitigation plans, (2) support technical assistance to states, (3) project scoping, (4) partnership development, (5) enhancing local floodplain management, and (6) Severe Repetitive Loss and/or Repetitive Loss strategy plan development
- **Increased the funding cap for Capability and Capacity Building Project Scoping subapplications to \$900,000.** FEMA will select the highest ranked eligible subapplication(s) for Project Scoping from each applicant not to exceed \$900,000 total federal cost share funding. Project Scoping can be used to obtain data and to prioritize, select, and develop Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects and/or Individual Flood Mitigation Projects for future funding based on current FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans. Project Scoping subapplications will be evaluated to ensure that the end result will lead to an eligible project subapplication that provide benefits to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- **Assisting federal recognized tribal governments or disadvantaged communities (CDC Socially Vulnerable Index score greater than .80) with developing a Benefit-Cost Analysis** for mitigation projects after submission of the project, as the Benefit-Cost Analysis requirement has been removed as a condition to apply for a grant.
- **Renamed Community Flood Mitigation Projects to [Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects](#)** and increased funding from \$30 million to \$50 million.
- **Allow Phased Projects to receive funding under the Local Flood Risk Reduction Project category** that are complex and require technical or environmental and historic preservation data beyond what is required for a typical Flood Mitigation Assistance project. For more information, review the [Phased Projects Fact Sheet](#).
- **Allowed activities that enable greater community resilience through cybersecurity as eligible costs** when those activities are performed in accordance with the cybersecurity performance goals for critical infrastructure and control systems directed by the National Security Presidential Memorandum on Improving Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Control Systems, found at: [Control Systems Goals and Objectives](#). FEMA recognizes that building a resilient nation requires addressing all hazards. Therefore, we are making cybersecurity upgrades to projects funded through our programs an eligible expense
- **Required a new identifier known as a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) for subapplicants.** The Data Universal Numbering System or DUNS number will no longer be used. Communities should apply for, update, or verify their UEI number from [Sam.gov](#).
- **Added new reporting requirements** to comply with the [Build America, Buy America Act](#), which invests in our nation's resilience by ensuring federal funding be spent on American made goods. It also invests in creating jobs to help build our economy back better. Further guidance on this topic and its requirements will be available soon. More information can be found on FEMA's [website](#).
- **Changed the following scoring criteria:**

- Added a tiered scoring system to the CDC Socially Vulnerable Index scoring criteria to provide more points to communities with higher scores
- Points will be given to communities that are good standing with the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) and have no outstanding violations
- Points will be given if a community participates in the National Flood Insurance’s [Community Rating System \(CRS\)](#)
- Buildings with a replacement or actual cash value of \$750,000 or more will not be prioritized for funding
- The tiebreaker for Capability and Capacity Building Activities and Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects will be project areas with the highest CDC Socially Vulnerable Index score (highest social vulnerability)
- Points will be given to projects for Localized Flood Risk Reduction and Individual Flood Mitigation Projects that incorporates strong labor standards to ensure high-quality work, avert disruptive and costly delays, and promote efficiency

## Available Funding

The funding priorities for this application cycle are: (1) Capacity and Capability Building activities, (2) Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects, and (3) Individual Flood Mitigation Projects.

FEMA will distribute up to \$800 million in the following manner:



The funding order and funding caps for the priorities are included below.

1. Up to \$60 million for **Capability- and-Capacity-Building Activities** which enhance the knowledge, skills, expertise, etc., of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of Flood Mitigation Assistance. These activities may be used to develop future Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects and/or Individual Flood Mitigation Projects that will subsequently reduce flood National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims. The funding order and funding caps for Capability and Capacity-Building Activities are as follows:
  - **Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans:**
    - \$100,000 per applicant with maximums of \$50,000 for state multi-hazard mitigation planning and \$25,000 for local multi-hazard mitigation planning.

- **Technical Assistance to States** available for recipients to which FEMA obligated an award of at least \$1 million in federal cost share funding.
    - \$50,000 per applicant
  - **Project Scoping** to develop Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects and/or Individual Flood Mitigation Projects that will subsequently reduce flood claims against the National Flood Insurance Program.
    - \$900,000 per subapplication
  - **Additional Capability and Capacity Building activities** including Partnership Development, Enhancing Local Floodplain Management, Severe Repetitive Loss /Repetitive Loss Strategy Plan Development, and other eligible C&CB activities.
    - \$300,000 per subapplication
2. Up to \$340 million for **Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects** (previously Community Flood Mitigation Projects) to address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing national Flood Insurance Program flood claim payments.
- \$50 million per Localized Flood Risk Reduction Project subapplication.
3. All remaining funds (at least \$400 million) for **Individual Flood Mitigation Projects** that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP-insured structures. FEMA will select eligible Individual Flood Mitigation Project subapplications on a competitive basis. Refer to the [FY 2022 Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\) Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for prioritization order and factors.
4. **Management Costs**
- A maximum of 10% of the total application budget can be submitted for applicant management costs, and a maximum of 5% of the total subapplication budget can be submitted for subapplicant management costs, per [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#).

## Cost Share

Generally, federal cost share funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity costs. However, FEMA may contribute increased federal cost share for properties that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program at the time of application and meet the definitions of Severe Repetitive Loss or Repetitive Loss.

FEMA may contribute up to 90% federal cost share (for eligible costs) for activities or projects that impact properties with NFIP insurance that are located within a census tract with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score of not less than 0.5. Applicants and subapplicants can view their community's CDC SVI score on the [CDC's website](#).

## Capability-and-Capacity-Building Activities

- 75% federal cost share funding
- Up to 90% federal cost share funding if the average CDC SVI score of all NFIP-insured properties in the jurisdiction is not less 0.5 and the activity is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects

- 75% federal cost share funding
- Up to 90% federal cost share funding when the average CDC SVI score of all NFIP-insured properties in the benefiting area is not less than 0.5 and the project is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

## Individual Flood Mitigation Projects

- 75% federal cost share funding
- Up to 90% federal cost share funding for properties located in census tracts with a CDC SVI score not less than 0.5 and the project is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Up to 90% federal cost share funding for Repetitive Loss properties
- Up to 100% federal cost share funding for Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) (B)(i) or (B)(ii) properties

## Opportunities for Successful Subapplications

- Talk to your State Hazard Mitigation Officers and FEMA regional points of contact about your projects and the subapplication process. Look for mentors and partners who have had success navigating the grant application process that could give advice.
- Attend this year's [webinar series](#) to learn more.
  - FEMA has planned 10 webinars that address technical and qualitative criteria, capacity and capability, system-based mitigation, application pitfalls, and Severe Repetitive Loss and Repetitive Loss Properties. Register here: [Connect Event Catalog](#).
- Review the program support materials for the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program. FEMA developed program support materials to help inform stakeholders.
- FEMA would like to receive more subapplications for projects with multiple benefits, system-based mitigation, and goals that address multiple hazards to further increase resiliency in communities across the nation.
  - FEMA will continue to encourage innovative mitigation projects that include nature-based solutions, combat climate change, reduce flood risk, improve water quality, reduce urban heat, add recreational space and more.
  - FEMA also encourages communities to consider a system-wide approach to mitigation, a resilience strategy that mitigates the risk to critical sectors of a community and builds community-wide resilience to natural hazards.

## How to Apply for Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

- To apply for available funding, applicants must adhere to the application and funding deadlines. The application period opens on **Sept. 30, 2022**.
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) management system. Applications must be received in the [FEMA GO Portal](#) by **Jan. 27, 2023 (3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)**. Applications received by FEMA GO after this date will not be considered for funding. Subapplicants should contact their State Hazard Mitigation Officer to find out their deadline to submit subapplications.
- Applicants experiencing technical problems outside of their control must notify FEMA **by 3 p.m. ET on Jan. 25, 2023**. No new system-related issues will be addressed after this deadline.
- If you need help, reach out to:
  - FEMA GO Help Desk: [femago@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femago@fema.dhs.gov).
  - FEMA GO technical support for error messages or forgotten password: 877-585-3242.
  - HMA programmatic support for questions regarding things like eligibility: 866-222-3580.
- The application deadlines are for the applicants only. Subapplicants should consult with their state, tribal or territorial agency to confirm deadlines to submit subapplications for their consideration.
- FEMA will release additional guidance for eligible communities that are unable to calculate or demonstrate cost-effectiveness of their mitigation project during the review process. It will explain how FEMA can help.
- For any subapplications submitted for the Fiscal Year 2021 cycle that met all programmatic requirements and were not selected for FMA funding, there are two options:
  - Applicants and subapplicants can repurpose their subapplications and apply for the FY 2022 cycle, or
  - Applicants can apply for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), including HMGP COVID-19 funding. The application period deadline was Aug. 5, 2022; however, a majority of the 59 declared states, territories, District of Columbia and three federally recognized tribes that received a major declaration have requested extensions.

## Eligibility Information

### Applicants

Eligible applicants include states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribal governments. To apply for Flood Mitigation Assistance funding, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

- Applicants are required to have a FEMA-approved State or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with [Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 201](#) by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of the award.

## Subapplicants

Eligible subapplicants are local governments including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments (including federally recognized tribes who choose to apply as subapplicants). To apply for a grant, subapplicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

- Subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Local or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline and at the time the grant funds are obligated. Subapplicants are exempt from the hazard mitigation plan requirement for the following Capability-and-Capacity-Building Activity types: hazard mitigation plan development and hazard mitigation plan updates.
- Subapplicants must be participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, and not be withdrawn, on probation, or suspended.
- Structures identified in the subapplication must have an NFIP policy in effect at the application start date and must maintain it through completion of the flood hazard mitigation activity and for the life of the structure.

To verify the status of a community participating with the National Flood Insurance Program, refer to the [Community Status Book](#) available online.

## Other Eligibility Criteria

- All subapplications submitted under the Capability and Capacity Building Activities priority must demonstrate that the activity will reduce flood claims against the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- All subapplications submitted under the Localized Flood Risk Reduction Project category must demonstrate that the proposed project benefits NFIP insured properties by submitting a map and associated geospatial file(s) (e.g., Shapefile, Keyhole Markup Language (KML)/Keyhole Markup Language zipped (KMZ), Geodatabase, or other Geographic Information System (GIS) enabled document) delineating: the proposed project footprint boundary, the area benefitting from the project, and active National Flood Insurance Program policies (if this data is available).

For additional information on eligibility, view the full Fiscal Year 2022 Flood Mitigation Assistance funding opportunity at [Grants.gov](#).

## Additional Resources

Additional information and resources about the Flood Mitigation Assistance program is available on [FEMA's website](#). [Resources](#) include links to the funding opportunity document, a summary of the application process, a link to the FEMA GO grant application system, and program support materials including several fact sheets to help with the application process.

General questions about the FMA program can be directed to your [State Hazard Mitigation Officer \(SHMO\)](#) or [FEMA regional office](#).