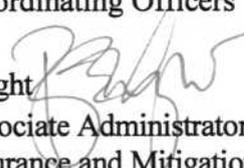




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
Regional Mitigation Division Directors
Federal Coordinating Officers

FROM: Roy E. Wright 
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Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: Advance Assistance for HMGP under SRIA - Amended

The Sandy Recovery and Improvement Act (SRIA) of 2013 gives FEMA the authority to provide up to 25 percent of the amount of estimated Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) costs to States and Tribes in advance of incurring eligible costs. The purpose of Advance Assistance is to provide States and Tribes resources to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select and develop complete HMGP applications in a timely manner. FEMA expects States and Tribes that receive Advance Assistance to submit complete project applications up to or over the HMGP ceiling by the application deadline.

FEMA will continue to implement Advance Assistance on a pilot basis for any State or Tribe having a declaration with an open application period. The amount of assistance is limited to 25 percent of the HMGP ceiling or \$10 million, whichever is less. Advance Assistance is not automatic. States and Tribes may request Advance Assistance by submitting an HMGP application form to the Regional Mitigation Division Director. The application must identify the proposed use of the funds, including costs in sufficient detail for each proposed activity and milestones for submitting completed HMGP applications to FEMA. Advance Assistance is subject to the HMGP cost share requirements and strategic funds management (i.e. FEMA will not obligate funds until the State has an immediate need for the funds). Advance Assistance is part of the HMGP ceiling amount.

Please share this information with the State Hazard Mitigation Officers in your States and discuss with them how Advance Assistance can contribute to implementing HMGP in a timelier manner. FEMA will explore additional actions after we gain some experience during the pilot.

If you have any questions please contact Kayed Lakhia, Deputy Director, Risk Reduction Division, at (202) 646-3458, or Franki Coons, Chief, Grants Implementation Branch, at (202) 646-3079.

This memorandum supersedes the email on the same topic dated April 16, 2013.