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HMGP DEADLINE – EXTENDED TO 6/4/2019

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To Potential Hazard Mitigation Grant Applicants:

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is pleased to announce the availability of the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** as a result of the federal disaster declarations (FEMA-4372-DR & FEMA-4379-DR). An official Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available on the MEMA Website and on COMMBUYS. **The deadline for HMGP funding has been extended to June 4, 2019 at 11:59PM.**

Federally-funded Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs provide significant opportunities to reduce, minimize, or eliminate potential damages to property and infrastructure from natural hazard events, while also reducing the reliance on taxpayer-funded federal assistance for disaster recovery.

- *Who's eligible to apply?* State agencies, Tribal organizations, local governments with an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and certain private non-profits are eligible to apply. Local governments may apply on behalf of the community, homeowners, and private colleges and universities.
- *What type of work is eligible?* Projects that result in a reduction to natural hazard damage, such as: stormwater drainage and culvert improvements; floodplain and stream restoration; flood control; property acquisition; slope stabilization; infrastructure protection; aquifer storage; seismic and wind retrofits; structure elevations; emergency power generators for critical facilities; etc. For PDM and FMA this year, FEMA is prioritizing all-hazard Resilient Infrastructure projects.
- *How do I apply for a project?* The full application package can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance-grant-programs> . Applications for mitigation projects are required to be submitted electronically (Adobe .pdf files) via email, file sharing website, or via a thumb-drive sent to MEMA Headquarters in Framingham. **Paper or hardcopy full applications will not be accepted.**
- *How do I apply for a Mitigation Planning Grant?* To be considered for a Local Planning Grant, your municipality must submit a Letter of Intent/Funding Commitment to MEMA by the application deadline. More information about planning funds and sample letters of intent/funding commitment will be available on our grants web page.
- *What is the grant application deadline?* **Extended deadline for HMGP full applications: June 4, 2019, at 11:59PM.** Before starting or submitting a full application, please schedule a Technical Assistance Meeting OR contact a Mitigation Grants Coordinator. Contact Information can be found at the end of this notice.

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- *Are there other conditions?* All proposed full applications for projects (not planning) must include a formal Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), using FEMA BCA v5.3 software, to document the project's cost-effectiveness. Community participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) may also be a requirement for sub-applicants and project eligibility.

Sub-applicants must commit to the non-Federal cost share; this is generally a minimum of 25% of the total estimated project cost. In-kind services are allowable as part of the non-Federal share.

To be eligible for project grants, sub-applicants must have a locally adopted and FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (in accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 201) by the application deadline.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs are not intended as a source of funding for repair, replacement or deferred maintenance activities, but are designed to assist sub-applicants in implementing long-term, cost-effective improvements that will reduce, minimize or eliminate risk to people and property from the effects of natural hazards. Projects that address operation, deferred or future maintenance, repairs or replacement (without a change in the level of protection provided) of existing structures, facilities, or infrastructure (e.g., dredging, debris removal, replacement of obsolete utility systems, bridges and facility repair) are not eligible mitigation grant activities. Please review the 2015 HMA Guidance on our website for a complete list of eligible and ineligible activities.

Technical Assistance (TA)

All sub-applicants who are considering applying should contact your Grants Coordinator for a technical assistance meeting. This could be a visit at the project site/office or conducted via phone or web meeting depending on the needs of the application.

During your technical assistance meeting MEMA staff will cover the following:

- ✓ Discuss proposed project applications (including eligibility of proposed activities);
- ✓ Discuss the Commonwealth's Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant;
- ✓ Review the current status of your local hazard mitigation plan;
- ✓ Answer specific questions regarding grant application procedures and/or requirements;
- ✓ Review Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), environmental/historic or other technical issues associated with project proposals; and,
- ✓ Review other questions regarding FEMA-funded mitigation grant programs.

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