

To Tribal Partners Interested in Natural Hazard Mitigation –

We are sending this email in order to notify you that the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) has been released. This is the annual FEMA natural hazard mitigation grant that is available to tribes in New Mexico.

PDM can be used for mitigation of any natural hazard and can include all-hazard mitigation plans. There is \$90,000,000 available nationwide for federal fiscal year 2017. Each federally recognized tribe can be expected to receive a minimum of \$575,000 for eligible applications. Selection is anticipated at the end of January 2018 and the Period of Performance will run for three years from the date of selections. This grant can be used for natural hazard mitigation plans that meet the criteria of 44 CFR 201.7. It can also be used for natural hazard risk reduction projects. Please keep in mind that projects must meet all eligibility requirements including 1) having a FEMA approved Mitigation Plan as of November 14, 2018, 2) benefit cost analysis with a result over 'one' (costs at least equal the benefits) and 3) FEMA environmental compliance. Requests for planning grants do not need to meet these three requirements. The full announcement can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program> (click on Fiscal Year 2017 Application Cycle).

PDM is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal grant. However, if a Tribe meets the requirements of a Small Impoverished Community, the federal cost share can increase up to 90% federal and 10% non-federal. The definition of Small Impoverished Community can be found on page 114 of the FEMA 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance (excerpt attached here for reference).

Option 1; Tribe as Grantee

Tribes can choose to submit directly to FEMA as a grantee. If a Tribe selects this option, they would apply directly in the on-line Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible at <https://portal.fema.gov>. An additional 10% of the plan or project cost can be included in the grant application for Grantee Management Costs. **Applications are due to FEMA by November 14, 2018. For more information on applying directly to FEMA as a grantee, please contact Jeffrey Brewer, New Mexico Contact for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (940-383-7270 or Jeffrey.Brewer@fema.dhs.gov).**

A Notice of Funding Opportunity webinar will be offered Wednesday, July 19 at 12 pm and Thursday, July 20 at 10am. Applicants may attend either session. For the online portion, please join via <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nofo/> and for audio, please call 1-800-320-4330 and enter conference code 502515. In addition, FEMA will announce webinars covering project application development and applying via the Mitigation eGrants system at a later date.

Option 2; Tribe as Sub-grantee

If a Tribe chooses to submit as a sub-grantee through the State, a Notice of Interest must be submitted in order to be considered for funding. The Notice of Interest is attached here and is also available at <http://www.nmdhsem.org/Grants.aspx>. The deadline for Notice of Interest submittal is August 4, 2017. After a general eligibility determination is made from the Notice of Interest submittal, the State will email you the full New Mexico Mitigation Sub-grant Application. Full applications are due to the State by September 29, 2017. If a Tribe chooses to submit to the State as a sub-grantee, the Grantee Management Costs are not available.

If your Tribe chooses to apply through the State as a sub-grantee, please discuss the application process with the State Mitigation Program staff so that a detailed description can be provided regarding eligibility criteria, sub-grantee responsibility and the application process. Please contact us at dhsem.mitigation@state.nm.us or 505-476-9682.

Thank you for your interest in mitigation,

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