

# FY21 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) State of Oregon Guidance

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# Timeline

	FY21 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
Notice of Funding Opportunity published by FEMA	August 9, 2021
Initial statewide guidance sent out via Stephen Richardson	August 23, 2021
<b>Pre-application due to <a href="mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us">shmo@mil.state.or.us</a></b>	<b>September 23, 2021</b>
Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT) review panel activation dates	September 24-October 8, 2021
Notifications for those moving forward in subapplication process to be sent by	October 15, 2021
Subapplication due in FEMA GO (by invitation only)	January 17, 2022
State application packet due to FEMA from SHMO via FEMA GO	January 28, 2022
Period of Performance End Date	36 or 48 months*
State set-aside amount	-
Project cap amount (national competitive only)	Varies**
National competition total amount	\$160,000,000.00

# Federal Funding Caps

- \$300,000 per **Project Scoping** subapplication for individual flood mitigation projects;
- \$900,000 per **Project Scoping** subapplication for Community Flood Mitigation Projects;
- \$30 million cap per **Community Flood Mitigation Project** subapplication;
- ~~\$50,000 per applicant for all Technical Assistance subapplications, for recipients to which FEMA obligated an FY 2020 FMA award of at least \$1 million federal share;~~
- \$100,000 per applicant for **flood hazard mitigation planning** with maximums of:
  - o \$50,000 for state flood hazard mitigation planning;
  - o \$25,000 for local flood hazard mitigation planning;
- 10 percent of the total application budget for applicant management costs for applicants to administer and manage award and subaward activities;
- 5 percent of the total mitigation project, Project Scoping, and planning subapplication budget for subapplicant management costs for subapplicants to manage their subaward.

# Overview

- **Available Funding**
  - \$160,000,000
- **Period of Performance:**
  - The Period of Performance (POP) is **36 months**, starting on the date of the recipient's federal award.
  - Given the complexity of the Community Flood Mitigation Projects, the POP for Community Flood Mitigation Projects is **48 months**, starting on the date of the recipient's federal Award.
- **Cost Share:**
  - Cost share is required for all subapplications funded under this program. Generally, the cost share for this program is **75 percent federal / 25 percent non-federal**.
  - FEMA may contribute up to 100 percent federal cost share for severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties within individual property flood mitigation projects.
  - FEMA may contribute up to 90 percent federal cost share for repetitive loss (RL) properties.

# Eligibility

- Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments (including federally recognized tribes who choose to apply as subapplicants), are considered subapplicants and must submit subapplications to their state/territory/tribal applicant agency. Certain political subdivisions (i.e., regional flood control districts or county governments) may apply and act as subapplicants if they are part of a community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) where the political subdivision provides zoning and building code enforcement or planning and community development professional services for that community.
- All subapplicants **must be participating in the NFIP**, and not be withdrawn, on probation, or suspended. Structures identified in the subapplication must have an NFIP policy in effect at the FMA application start date and must maintain it through completion of the mitigation activity and for the life of the structure. NFIP community status can be verified at <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-status-book>.
- Subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Local or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 201 by the Application deadline and at the time of obligation of grant funds for project, Project Scoping, and Technical Assistance subapplications.

# Project Scoping

- FEMA will select **up to \$10 million** of Project Scoping subapplications.
- FEMA will select the highest ranked eligible subapplication(s) for Project Scoping from each applicant not to exceed **\$300,000** total in federal cost share **for scoping an individual flood mitigation project** or **\$900,000** total federal cost share **for scoping a community flood mitigation project**.
- Project Scoping can be used to obtain data and to prioritize, select, and develop the following projects for future funding based on a current FEMA-approved mitigation plan:
  - Community flood mitigation projects
  - Individual flood mitigation projects
- The following list represents eligible Project Scoping activities that benefit NFIP-insured buildings, recognizing that applicants and subapplicants may have needs that extend beyond what has been included here. **All Project Scoping activities should result in either an improvement in the capability to identify appropriate mitigation projects or in the development of an application-ready mitigation project for Flood Mitigation Assistance or another funding opportunity.** Project Scoping activities may include:
  - Conducting meetings, outreach, and coordination with subapplicants and community residents
  - Developing or conducting engineering, environmental feasibility, and/or Benefit-Cost Analyses (BCA)
  - Undertaking activities that lead to development of project applications
  - Evaluating facilities to identify mitigation actions
  - Using staff or resources to develop cost share strategies



# Community Flood Mitigation Projects

- FEMA will select up to **\$70 million of projects** that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.
- Each subapplication shall not exceed **\$30 million** in federal cost share.
- The following list represents examples of eligible Community Flood Mitigation projects. Example projects include, but are not limited to:
  - Localized flood control
  - Floodwater storage and diversion
  - Floodplain and stream restoration
  - Stormwater management
  - Wetland restoration/creation

# Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning

- FEMA will select eligible planning subapplications up to **\$100,000** federal cost share per applicant with a maximum of:
  - **\$50,000** federal cost share **for the flood only portion of state mitigation plan updates** and
  - **\$25,000** federal cost share **for the flood only portion of local mitigation plans.**

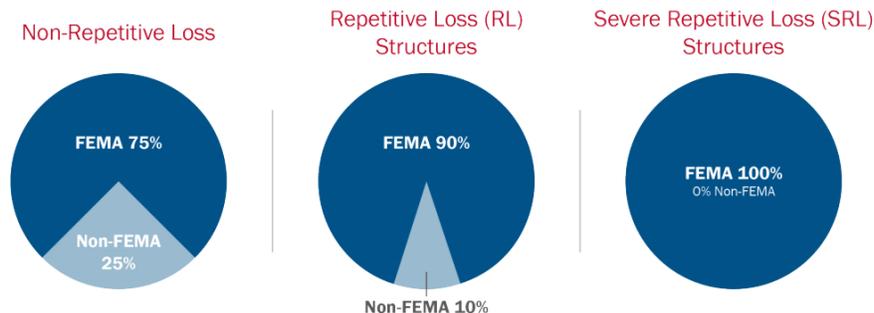
# Individual Flood Mitigation Projects



- Projects that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP insured structures.
- Buildings identified in the subapplication must have a NFIP policy in effect at the application start date and must maintain it through completion of the mitigation activity and for the life of the building, regardless of the flood zone. Example projects include, but are not limited to:
  - Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition/Relocation
  - Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities
  - Structure Elevation
  - Mitigation Reconstruction
  - Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures or Non-residential Structures
  - Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings

# Severe Repetitive Loss/Repetitive Loss

- To reduce or eliminate risk to the NFIP, individual flood mitigation projects prioritize the mitigation of Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) structures and Repetitive Loss (RL) structures. SRL and RL are defined as follows:
  - **SRL(b)(ii):** At least two separate NFIP claim payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured building.
  - **RL:** Have incurred flood-related damage on two occasions, in which the cost of the repair, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event.
  - **SRL(b)(i):** Four or more separate NFIP claims payments have been made with the amount of each claim exceeding \$5,000, and with the cumulative amount of claims payments exceeding \$20,000. Federal funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity costs. However, FEMA may contribute the following federal cost share for properties that are insured under the NFIP at the time of application and meet the definitions of SRL or RL (b)(i) or (b)(ii), as illustrated in the graphic below.



# Helpful Links

- **BCA Guidance:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/benefit-cost-analysis>
- **FMA Guidance:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>
- **FMA NOFO:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_nof-fiscal-year-2021-flood-mitigation-assistance-grants.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_nof-fiscal-year-2021-flood-mitigation-assistance-grants.pdf)
- **FMA Resources:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods/fma-resources>
- **HMA Guidance:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15\\_HMA\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15_HMA_Guidance.pdf)
- **FEMA HMA Management Costs Webinar:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqhTY3xR0UU>

# Useful Terms to Know

- **Application:** Application for federal financial assistance directly from FEMA (what the state/SHMO fills out and submits).
- **Applicant acting as subapplicant subapplication:** A state agency or federally-recognized tribal government submitting technical assistance or management costs subapplications which will be included in an application for assistance under FEMA's mitigation grant programs.
- **Federal Award:** The federal financial assistance received directly from FEMA.
- **Subaward:** The federal financial assistance received indirectly from a pass-through entity (applicant to a subapplicant).
- **Subrecipient:** A subapplicant whose subapplication has been approved and a subaward obligated.
- **Applicant:** A state agency, territorial government, or federally-recognized tribal government submitting an application to FEMA for assistance under FEMA's mitigation grant programs (the state/SHMO).
- **Subapplicant:** A state agency, local government (including special districts), territorial government, or federally-recognized tribal government submitting a subapplication to an applicant for assistance under FEMA's mitigation grant programs.
- **Subapplication:** Application for federal financial assistance indirectly through a pass-through entity (subapplicant to applicant, applicant to FEMA).
- **Recipient:** An applicant whose application has been approved and a federal award obligated (the state/SHMO).