



## Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

### FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT DECLARATIONS AND THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2015

FEMA places a high priority on supporting expeditious wild-fire recovery through the use of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). In order to advance risk reduction after Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations, we are announcing a Pilot to provide HMGP assistance. Section 570 of the Fiscal Year 2015 DHS Appropriations Act authorizes FEMA to provide HMGP assistance as a result of a FMAG declaration. It reads:

*Notwithstanding section 404 or 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c and 5187), until September 30, 2015, the President may provide hazard mitigation assistance in accordance with such section 404 in any area in which assistance was provided under such section 420.*

#### Who can apply?

States, territories, and federally-recognized tribal governments that elect to become grantees with FMAG declarations from March 4, 2015 (when the 2015 Appropriations Act was signed) until 11:59pm local time September 30, 2015. FMAG declarations can be accessed here [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters) by selecting Fire Management Assistance as the declaration type.

#### What project types are eligible and where?

FEMA encourages the mitigation of the burn impacted area to reduce the increased risk for wildfire, flood, or erosion post event. However, the FMAG HMGP Pilot is available for the mitigation of any hazard in the burn impacted area.

#### What is the application period?

FEMA encourages expedited submission of applications within 90 days of notification availability. The traditional application period of 12 months from declaration applies and extensions may be requested.

#### What Guidance is applicable?

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance published in February 2015. It can be accessed here: [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279)

#### How is funding calculated?

FEMA will provide a national aggregate calculation based on an average of historical FMAG designations from the last five years. The total amount available for HMGP for states and tribal applicants with standard state or tribal hazard mitigation plans will be \$331,166 for each FMAG and \$441,555 for applicants with enhanced state or tribal hazard mitigation plans.

These amounts will be available for HMGP regardless of whether the FMAG designation falls below the threshold, and may increase if the FMAG declaration evolves into a major Presidential disaster declaration under the Stafford Act.



Caption: West Glenwood, Colo., June 11, 2002 – Smoke rolls up from a fire in the South Canyon. Photo by Andrea Booher/FEMA

#### How does the FMAG HMGP Pilot differ from traditional HMGP?

FMAG HMGP is similar to traditional HMGP with the following exceptions:

- A FMAG declaration rather than a major Presidential disaster declaration activates HMGP assistance
- Assistance is restricted to the burn area
- The HMGP funding amounts are based on a national aggregate for each FMAG declaration

#### Useful Links and Resources

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance:

[www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance)

State Hazard Mitigation Officers:

[www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers](http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers)