Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - FEMA-DR-1964-OR

Basic Application Information - *Dated Material!*

Tsunami Wave Surge – Tōhoku, Japan Distant Tsunami

Declared Counties: *Initially* Curry; *Subsequently* Coos and Lincoln (on 4/15)

Introduction

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to assist states and local communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. The State of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) is administering a HMGP for this disaster. The amount of funds available for HMGP projects is 20%[1] of the total FEMA costs associated with this disaster (Public "Infrastructure" Assistance – PA less administrative costs); the HMGP allocation for this disaster is yet to be determined. The actual cost of the program is shared - FEMA pays a portion of project costs (75%) and successful applicants provide a non-federal share (25%). Eligible applicants for this HMGP include state and local governments in the requested disaster area (declared counties) that have FEMA-approved natural hazard mitigation plans.

For this disaster, the HMGP project identification and application process is being offered in conjunction with the applicant briefings for FEMA's Public Assistance Program and follow-up meetings with local jurisdictions. HMGP grants are also referred to as Section 404 grants (of the Stafford Act). A FEMA-State Area Field Office (AFO) has been established in Salem and is expected to be staffed into April 2011. The purpose of the AFO is to facilitate the delivery of FEMA disaster assistance.

Most of the Public Assistance related losses from this disaster were a direct result of tsunami wave surge damages in ports and harbors. Therefore, the primary emphasis of this disaster's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is:

- *All permanent repair Public Assistance projects (Categories C through G) will be reviewed for Section 406 (Public Assistance) mitigation where feasible, cost-effective and eligible.*
- *<u>Companion</u> 406 and 404 mitigation projects will be identified and, where feasible and cost effective, be submitted for HMGP funding consideration.*
- *Stand-alone HMGP projects will be identified during AFO operations while FEMA and state Public Assistance personnel are in the field working on the delivery of the Public Assistance Program.*

[1] Based on Oregon having a FEMA-approved *Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan* as of March 6, 2009

- *Potential HMGP projects will emphasize (but not exclusively):*
    - *Projects that reduce future disaster losses to boat and harbor facilities*
    - *Mitigation of future damages to public facilities not already mitigated using Section 406 mitigation where the benefits of the proposed mitigation are clearly quantifiable*
- *Mitigation planning per 44 CFR Section 201.6 (new plans and/or plan updates: up to 7% of the total HMGP allocation to the State)*
- *Some mitigation activities are difficult to evaluate using FEMA-approved benefit-cost analysis (BCA) methodologies. Up to 5 percent (5% Initiative) of the total HMGP funds may be set aside to consider such activities. For example, this could include the use, evaluation, demonstration, and/or application of new, unproven mitigation techniques, technologies, methods, procedures, or products. Warning systems and warning system upgrades are included in this 5% category. The amount of funding for the 5% Initiative is extremely limited and highly competitive.*

Project Considerations – Basic Criteria

- Projects identified in the disaster-declared areas (declared by county) will have priority preference.
- To be eligible for HMGP grants, communities (city or county as an eligible applicant) <u>must have a current FEMA-approved natural hazards mitigation plan</u>.
- Mitigation strategies and priorities as described in this pre-application.
- Preferably, all HMGP project work should be scheduled for completion by December 31, 2013. Projects that can be implemented sooner, and are ready to proceed, will have priority.
- The collection of environmental information, to comply with the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is essential for the state's review and FEMA's approval of potential projects. *Please pay close attention to this requirement!*
- Letters of match commitment (required 25% non-Federal cost share) **and** maintenance commitment are required with the final application to FEMA.
- All projects are submitted through the state to FEMA for their consideration: FEMA has the final authority on whether projects are selected for funding or not. Completing the attached Basic Application is the first step in the application process for HMGP funding.
- Measuring Expectations: HMGP (Section 404) mitigation projects traditionally are not approved as quickly as Public Assistance (Section 406) projects.
- Subgrantee Management Costs: Offered at the discretion of the grantee; *assume there will be no subgrantee administrative management cost funding made available by the grantee*.

Attachment

OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

DR-1964

HMGP Basic Project Identification/Concept and Description

A. Project Title:_____

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B. Sub-Applicant Identification

1. Name of Applicant Organization/Agency:_____
2. Type of Organization:_____
   [County or City Government]

C. Sub-Applicant's Representative (The applicant's agent, project manager, or official contact).

Name:_____

Title:_____

Address:_____

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Phone:_____

FAX:_____

E-mail:_____

D. Projects Linked to Public Assistance Project Worksheets (PW)

PW Number(s) and Supplements:_____

Was the proposed hazard mitigation project a component of a Public Assistance project? If so, what was the State or Federal determination regarding its eligibility? Please describe. Use additional sheets if necessary.

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OBJECTIVES

A. Project Objective (Is this project or strategy identified in your local natural hazards mitigation plan?):

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B. Project Description (Briefly describe the proposed project and its scope of work. Include how the proposed project will reduce the hazard's effects and risks):

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C. Project Location (Description of Location, Attached Maps):_____

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COST ESTIMATES

A. Cost Summary (A complete cost description including a list of materials and services will be required after submission of the basic application). HMGP projects are based on a maximum 75% federal share with a 25% non-federal share contribution.

1. Federal Share (HMGP): $_____

2. Applicant's Share: $_____

3. Other Non-Federal Shares (Describe): $_____

Total Funds Required to Complete Project: $_____

WORK SCHEDULE

A. Starting Date: Within [ ] days after final project approval. (If more than sixty (60) days please explain; use additional pages as needed):

B. Completion Date: Within [ ] months after project initiation. (If more than fifteen (15) months, please explain; use additional pages as needed):

C. Provide a General Outline of the Work Schedule Necessary to Complete This Project - (A complete work schedule that clearly describes project milestones and shows the anticipated flow of the project from the time of initiation to completion will be required after submission of the basic application):

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

All projects must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. FEMA is responsible for preparing the necessary documentation; however, the applicant is required to provide the necessary data. At this time, please provide a description of any environmental concerns and impacts associated with this project*:*

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Benefit – Cost (BCA) Analysis

Describe how the project will reduce future (potential) disaster damages and that, minimally; every dollar expended on mitigation will reduce future losses by at least one dollar. Use additional pages as necessary:

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<u>If you have any questions</u> and/or RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

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