

This memorandum is to announce Oklahoma's Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program. Please help us get the word out!

Approximately \$150 million will be available nation-wide for competitive grants, technical assistance, and program support for the FY 2006 PDM program. The PDM program provides funding to State agencies, counties, cities, towns, Indian tribes, colleges, and universities for pre-disaster mitigation planning and the implementation of cost-effective mitigation projects primarily addressing natural hazards.

At this time, the application period has yet to open and the e-Grants system is not ready to accept sub-applications. October 1, 2005, is the tentative date, however, this has not been confirmed. I will keep you informed as to when e-Grants actually opens or you can check the FEMA website listed below. Nonetheless, Oklahoma Emergency Management (OEM) encourages you to ready yourself and your potential sub-applicants for this program. Beginning the necessary paper work now will save time when e-Grants open. Such things as timelines and narratives are easy to cut and paste. Prepare your floodplain maps, engineering and benefit cost analysis as soon as possible.

OEM will continue to support mitigation planning through the FY 2006 PDM program as the development of State and local multi-hazard mitigation plans *is key* to maintaining eligibility for future mitigation funding. If you are applying for a mitigation project, you must have in place a FEMA approved mitigation plan.

The FY 2006 PDM program guidance is available on the web page:

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/pdm>. This guidance will provide critical information about eligibility, deadlines, and other key aspects of the program. The following features of the PDM program are of particular interest to sub-applicants:

**1. Applications:** An announcement will be posted on OEM's website and the web page listed above and when the application period is officially opened. You should consult with this office for more information regarding the application process.

- Starting now will enable your application, eligibility, and benefit cost analysis to be reviewed and ensure it is accurate.
- The State Mitigation Team will be convened to appraise prioritization and ranking.
- State submittal, signing and forwarding to FEMA.

**2. Eligible Sub-applicants:** Public colleges and universities and Indian tribal colleges and universities are eligible sub-applicants and may apply for assistance to this office. Private colleges and universities are **not** eligible sub-applicants; however, a relevant state agency (e.g., state Education Agency) or local government may apply to this office for assistance on their behalf. The same eligibility requirements will apply to colleges and universities as to other applicants and sub-applicants.

**3. Technical Assistance:** Program narrative explicitly states that pre-award costs will be considered. Though working in e-grants is not an eligible item, certain technical information collections can be considered, such as: benefit cost analysis, environmental and engineering. Pre-award costs are eligible for reimbursement "only" if the sub-applicant is selected for award and funded. Benefit Cost Analysis software is available through OEM.

**4. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Eligibility depends upon the sub-applicant having a FEMA approved plan.

**5. National Flood Insurance Program:** If the sub-applicant's jurisdiction has been mapped by FEMA, participation in the National Flood Insurance Program is required. This does not apply to colleges or universities. There are two exceptions:

1. Jurisdiction has never been mapped by FEMA
2. Jurisdiction has been mapped but is not in or include area in the floodplain

OEM requires sub-applicants to use the e-Grants system: <https://portal.fema.gov> once the application period is officially opened.

If you have any questions regarding the PDM program, please direct them to Connie J. Dill, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, 405-949-8645, Byron Garver, State Hazard Mitigation Liaison, 405-946-6325, Jerry Murphy, State Hazard Mitigation Liaison, 405-946-6327 or Karen Cullers, State Hazard Mitigation Liaison, 405-946-6329.

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To review subgrant applicant quick reference guide, go to (<https://portal.fema.gov>).

On the left side of the page under **programs**, click on **Mitigation Grants**.

Scroll to the second page and click on **(Subgrant Applicant Quick Reference Guide)**.

This 37 page instruction manual will walk you through the e-grant applicant process.

You may also print the blank application form and begin the necessary paperwork.

## Program

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The eGrant application process works the same as a paper application process currently works: local applicants apply to their State, which reviews and submits applications to FEMA. Revision requests are also handled electronically and may be generated by FEMA or the States. FEMA currently has three mitigation grant programs: the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program (PDM), the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, and the Hazards Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Information on these mitigation programs is provided below.



### Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) provides funding to assist States and communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FMA was created as part of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 4101) with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP. FMA is a pre-disaster grant program.

[More information...](#)



### Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) provides funding for cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement comprehensive mitigation programs, reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property. Projects funded through PDM must be located physically in a participating NFIP community that is not on probation or suspended (if the community has been mapped through the NFIP).



### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and

