

Notice of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for Disaster 4155

South Dakota received a Presidential Disaster Declaration as a result of an early October 2013 blizzard. Subsequently, approximately \$4.2 million of funding is now available for local governments and certain private-non-profit organizations to apply for hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impacts of future disasters. If you are interested in finding out more about the eligibility of mitigation projects or applying for these funds, please contact Jim Poppen at 605-773-3231 or jim.poppen@state.sd.us. Discussions on your project are vital to ensure all components of the application are completed. The deadline for application submittal is August 15, 2014.

Timelines:

- Applications due to state: August 15, 2014, but can be submitted prior to deadline
- OEM reviews the applications for completeness: August/September 2014
- OEM presents applications to the State Hazard Mitigation Team: October 2014
- State Hazard Mitigation Team approved projects submitted to FEMA: November 2014
- FEMA has until November 2015 to award projects
- Period of Performance to complete approved projects: November 2017

Notes:

- New Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) guidance contains a new Eligibility and Completeness Checklist which needs to accompany each application (attached).
- When submitting an application for a phased project, you will need to indicate that you are requesting the project to be phased and provide a detailed scope of work and budget for each phase of the project. A new benefit cost analysis is required for phase 2.
- If you intend to request progress payments throughout the construction of your project then this will need to be indicated in your application. Copies of all invoices and checks will be required and a project inspection will be performed by OEM prior to any payment. Each payment will be reimbursed at a 75% federal share rate with a 25% local match required.
- All agencies that have a stake in environmental and historical preservation for your project will need to have an environmental letter sent to them for their response on your project. These response letters must accompany the application. If construction is taking place on or near tribal property, it is a possibility the Tribal Historic Preservation Office may request a Class III Archeological Survey to be completed prior to award. This survey is an eligible expense.