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Introduction

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This survey is voluntary and confidential. The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback from State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMO) to improve FEMA's outreach to our stakeholders regarding the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). You may skip any questions for which you prefer not to provide an answer.

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Knowledge of Sandy Recovery Improvement Act 2013 Pilot Initiatives



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1. Advance Assistance – As part of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013, this pilot program allows advancing up to 25% of the HMGP ceiling up to a maximum of \$10 million to Applicants (State and Tribal governments) to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select and develop complete HMGP applications in a timely manner.

- I am aware of this pilot and understand the requirements.
- I am aware of the pilot, but I require additional clarification of the requirements.
- I am not aware of this pilot.

If you are aware of the Advance Assistance pilot, but require additional clarification of the requirements, what additional information do you need?

2. Program Administration by States (PAS) – As part of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013, this pilot allows FEMA to delegate certain grants management responsibilities to States in administering the HMGP.

- I am aware of this pilot and understand the requirements.
- I am aware of the pilot, but I require additional clarification of the requirements.
- I am not aware of this pilot.

If you are aware of the Program Administration by States (PAS) pilot, but require additional clarification of the requirements, what additional information do you need?

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Knowledge of Programmatic Changes in the updated HMA Unified Guidance

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3. Changes Triggered by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 – Includes updates to flood mitigation activities including the redefinition of Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss property, the elimination of the State and community 5-year caps on Flood Mitigation Assistance funding, changes to cost shares, and eligibility of mitigation reconstruction.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for changes triggered by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, what additional information do you need?

4. Minimum Criteria for Complete Applications – FEMA will no longer accept incomplete and placeholder project applications, and has developed Eligibility and Completeness (E&C) checklists for acquisition, elevation, safe rooms and wind retrofit. The checklists identify the minimum information required for FEMA to initiate a project application review.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for Minimum Criteria for Complete Applications, what additional information do you need?

5. Acceptance of Industry Cost Guides and Design and Construction Standards – FEMA will accept cost estimates that the Applicant certifies were established using nationally published or local cost estimating guides to support budget and benefit cost analyses. Also, project feasibility can be demonstrated through the conformance with accepted engineering practices, established codes, standards, modeling techniques, or best practices.

- I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for Acceptance of Industry Cost Guides and Design and Construction Standards, what additional information do you need?

6. Precalculated Benefits –The benefits associated with residential safe rooms have been calculated and can be used to demonstrate cost effectiveness for most locations in the country. If this methodology is used, the submitted project application should include a copy of the data relevant to the project location.

- I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for Precalculated Benefits, what additional information do you need?

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Knowledge of Programmatic Changes, Continued

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7. Request for Information (RFI) Process – Applications and subapplications that do not satisfy the eligibility and completeness requirements will not be funded. However, FEMA may request additional information or documentation from Applicants to resolve outstanding administrative or procedural requirements only for the subapplications determined to be eligible but incomplete. Timeframes for FEMA's review and submission of additional information have been developed to speed up the review and approval of subapplications.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for the Request for Information (RFI) Process, what additional information do you need?

8. Period of Performance (POP) for HMA Grants – The POP for the HMA grant programs will begin with the opening of the application period and end no later than 36 months from the close of the application period. All requests to extend the grant POP beyond 12 months from the original grant POP termination date must be approved by FEMA Headquarters.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for the Period of Performance (POP) for HMA Grants, what additional information do you need?

9. HMGP Lock-In – The 6-month estimate is no longer the floor or a guaranteed minimum funding for HMGP. The 12-month lock-in is the maximum amount available, and prior to 12 months, total obligations are limited to not more than 75% of any current estimate.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new process.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new process.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for the HMGP Lock-In, what additional information do you need?

10. Strategic Fund Management (SFM) – In accordance with the needs of the Disaster Relief Fund as well as Grantee priorities and ability to execute the project in a timely manner, FEMA may elect to provide funding for certain projects in incremental amounts, including Advance Assistance funding. SFM allows FEMA to schedule obligations to be available when the State is ready to execute an HMGP subgrant or components of the subgrant.

I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
 I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
 I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for Strategic Fund Management (SFM), what additional information do you need?

11. Extraordinary Circumstances Waiver Extended to PDM and FMA – An extraordinary circumstances exception for the local mitigation plan requirement may be available for PDM and FMA project subgrants when justification is provided and with concurrence from FEMA Headquarters. If this exception is granted, a local or Indian Tribal mitigation plan must be approved by FEMA within 12 months of the award of the project subgrant to that community.

- I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
- I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
- I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for the Extraordinary Circumstances Waiver, what additional information do you need?

12. Mitigation Planning-Related Activities for HMGP – Expands eligible mitigation planning activities to include incorporating new data into a risk assessment and updating the mitigation strategy to reflect current disaster recovery goals and other community planning initiatives, and can also include incorporating climate adaptation, green building, or smart growth principles into the risk assessment and/or mitigation strategy.

- I am aware of these changes and understand the new requirements.
- I am aware of these changes, but I require additional clarification of the new requirements.
- I am not aware of these changes.

If you are aware of these changes, but require additional clarification of the new requirements for Mitigation Planning-Related Activities for HMGP, what additional information do you need?

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Knowledge of HMA Training Available

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13. Are you aware of these training opportunities and have you taken advantage of them?

	Aware	Completed
Introduction to Hazard Mitigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduction to Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Application Review and Evaluation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benefit-Cost Analysis Entry Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Project Implementation and Programmatic Closeout	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Relationship to FEMA Regions

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Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

14. I receive assistance and information from the Region in a timely fashion.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

15. I have a Regional resource that I can contact to answer questions and provide additional information when I need it.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

16. After a disaster, I receive effective assistance and information from the Joint Field Office mitigation staff.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

17. Overall, I have a good relationship with the Region.
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

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Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

18. I can find Hazard Mitigation Assistance resources posted on FEMA.gov.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

19. I can find Hazard Mitigation Planning resources posted on FEMA.gov.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

20. I have used the Best Practices Resources posted on FEMA.gov to learn more about mitigation activities.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

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Thank you!



Thank you for your participation! Your feedback is valued. For additional information on FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs, please visit the [HMA web page](#). We will continue to update the HMA web page to include frequently asked questions and incorporate your feedback to improve the web pages overall. You can sign up to receive notification of FEMA's web page updates via email through [GovDelivery](#).

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