

## **FY2010 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Application Period Is Open**

### **KEY POINTS:**

For Federal Fiscal Year 2010, FEMA has opened-up the e-Grants application system on June 1, 2009, for the:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program, and
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program
- Funding amounts have yet to be finalized along with required Congressional appropriation (not until on or after October 1, 2009)

The Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) application period is ‘open’ from June 1, 2009 through December 4, 2009. Applicants must submit an FY 2009 grant application to FEMA through the e-Grants system by December 4, 2009, at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please note: **The State of Oregon sub-applicant (cities and counties, for example) deadline to Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) is scheduled to occur prior to the Federal application deadline: on November 18, 2009. OEM and FEMA will provide a pre-submission completeness check for all sub-applications prior to submitting the state’s application to FEMA. The period between November 18 and December 4, 2009 will provide the opportunity and time to correct any potential sub-application errors and/or omissions.**

- Please contact Dennis Sigrist (OEM) for the HMA grant guidance along with user registration instructions for the e-Grants system: [dsigrist@oem.state.or.us](mailto:dsigrist@oem.state.or.us)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs present a critical opportunity to protect individuals and property from natural hazards while simultaneously reducing reliance on Federal disaster funds. The HMA programs provide pre-disaster mitigation grants annually to States, Territories, Tribes, and local communities. The statutory origins of the programs differ, but all share the common goal of reducing the loss of life and property due to natural hazards. The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program is authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act (Stafford Act) and focuses on mitigation project and planning activities that address multiple natural hazards, although these activities may also address hazards caused by manmade events. The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program, Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program, and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program are authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act (NFIA), and focus on reducing claims against the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Starting in FY 2009, FEMA’s Mitigation Directorate began offering a unified process for the multi-hazard PDM program and the FMA, RFC, and SRL programs that share similar guidance and application system. The intent of this alignment is to enhance the quality and efficiency of grant awards on an allocation and competitive basis to State, Territory, Tribal, and local entities for worthwhile, cost-beneficial activities designed to reduce the risks of future damage in hazard-prone areas. Best practices from the programs will be identified

and adopted as the standard for all programs throughout this unification process. In addition, a unified process achieves economies of scale and portfolio management for Federal, State, and local officials by allowing resources to be dedicated to program training and technical assistance as needed. At the same time, unification streamlines FEMA's program delivery and review processes, which offer new opportunities and additional resources to expand national outreach for all types of mitigation.

**CFDA: 97.047 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)**

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, communities, and universities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds.

**CFDA: 97.029 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**

The FMA program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (NFIA), 42 U.S.C. 4104c, with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**CFDA: 97.092 Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)**

The RFC program is authorized by Section 1323 of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4030 with the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time.

**CFDA: 97.110 Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)**

The SRL program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4102a, with the goal of reducing flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time.