

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM DR-4420

On March 21, 2019, Federal Disaster Declaration DR-4420-NE was signed for a severe winter storm, straight-line winds, and ongoing flooding. This declaration opens up funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) at a 75% federal share.

Hazard Mitigation is the long-term planning and implementation of strategies and projects aimed at reducing the risk to life and property from hazards such as high winds and flooding. Examples of these projects include: Community safe rooms; acquisition, relocation, or elevation of buildings in flood damaged areas; structural and non-structural retrofitting of facilities against wind, ice, or flood hazards; and localized flood reduction/control such as culverts or channel improvements.

Property acquisitions or relocations in flood prone areas have been identified as the State's top priority. Therefore an expedited HMGP Process has been established to get homeowners back into homes as quickly as possible.

Expedited Application Process

- Complete a Notice of Interest (NOI) form by July 1, 2019
 - The NOI form is available on the NEMA website (<https://nema.nebraska.gov/recovery/nebraska-state-hazard-mitigation-program>), or from a NEMA Hazard Mitigation Specialist (402.471.7421).
 - Completed NOI need to be returned to NEMA's Recovery Section via nema.hazardmitigation@nebraska.gov.
- NOIs will be reviewed and prioritized by the Governor's Taskforce for Disaster Recovery July 16, 2019.
- Selected applicants will be notified by July 26, 2019.
- Selected applicants will then have until August 30, 2019 to complete an application for review and approval by NEMA and FEMA.

Any Notice of Interest's submitted after July 1, 2019 will be stacked for the next round of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

Eligibility Information

Eligible sub-applicants for this grant include state agencies, county and city governments, public power districts, certain 501c private non-profits, and tribal governments. To participate in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, entities must have fully participated in a FEMA-approved *hazard mitigation plan*. No entity can submit an NOI for a project that would benefit an entity that did NOT partake in the hazard mitigation planning process (i.e. a county cannot submit a siren project for a city that did not participate in a hazard mitigation plan).

FEMA has Flood Insurance and Hazard Mitigation outreach professionals available for community events is available. Please contact NEMA to submit a request for an outreach team.

If you have any questions, please email nema.hazardmitigation@nebraska.gov, or contact one of the Hazard Mitigation staff at 402-471-7421.

