

Texas Water Development Board  
Request for Applications for Planning and Project Grants  
under the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program- Reopening of Federal Fiscal Year 2009

The Texas Water Development Board (Board), as administrator of the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), requests the submission of applications leading to the possible award of FMA Planning Grants and Project Grants from communities within the State with the legal authority to plan for and mitigate the impacts of flooding, and which participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), in accordance with FEMA policy and regulations set forth in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 79 (44 CFR 79). A community is defined as (a) a political subdivision, including any Indian tribe or authorized native organization, that has zoning and building code jurisdiction over a particular area having special flood hazards, and which is participating in the NFIP, or (b) a political subdivision or other authority that is designated to develop and administer a mitigation plan by political subdivisions, all of which meet the requirements of (a). Eligible applicants from any area of the State may submit applications for FMA Program Planning and Project grants. Eligible applicants for FMA Project Grants must have a FEMA approved Mitigation Action Plan.

Description of FMA Program Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of the FMA Grant Program is to provide Planning and Project grants to develop or update the flood hazard component of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans for their planning area, and for implementing flood mitigation projects. Examples of projects that could be funded under the FMA grant program are acquisitions/demolition or relocation; elevation of existing structures; dry flood proofing; and minor localized flood reduction projects. The overall goal of the program is to fund cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other NFIP-insurable structures. Specific goals include reducing the number of repetitively or substantially damaged structures and associated claims under the NFIP and encouraging long-term comprehensive mitigation planning.

Description of Funding Considerations. FEMA has recently notified the TWDB of the re-opening of the FMA grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 (FY 09) starting June 1, 2009. There is a substantial amount of funds remaining in FY 09 FMA program and the objective is to leave the application period open until all funds are awarded. Applications will be reviewed and forwarded to FEMA as they are submitted in order to take advantage of these funds. Once the funds have been fully appropriated, FEMA will close the application period. These grants all require a 25 percent local match, of which not more than one-half (12.5 percent) may be in the form of in-kind services. No award for a Planning Grant may exceed \$50,000, and no single community may receive more than one Planning Grant per 5-year period. In addition, there is a \$3,300,000 limit for the total amount of Project Grant funds to any single community over a five-year period, but this may be waived during the re-opening of FY 09.

Deadline, Review Criteria and Contact Person for Additional Information. It is required that applications be submitted electronically through FEMA's web-based Electronic Grants Management System (*e-Grants*). Applicants must request access into the *e-Grants* system. Access requests should be directed to Mr. Gilbert Ward at (512) 463-6418, or by e-mail to [gilbert.ward@twdb.state.tx.us](mailto:gilbert.ward@twdb.state.tx.us). The application should be submitted as soon as possible as the funds will only be available until the funds are fully appropriated. Deadline for submitting applications to the Board for FMA Planning and/or Project Grant funds is 5:00 P.M., October 15, 2009. Applications will be evaluated according to rules provided in 31 TAC Chapter 368, see [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.viewtac](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.viewtac) (Title 31, Part 10). For additional information on the FMA Program, go to [www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index). Go to [www.fema.gov/government/grant/egrants](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/egrants) for additional information on FEMA's *e-grant* system. Final awards for grant funding will be as approved by FEMA.

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