



TO: Interested Parties
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs

DATE: April 7, 2011

SUBJECT: DR-1911 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) is announcing the HMGP for the Baja, California Earthquake (DR-1911). Approximately \$7 million is available to fund cost-effective mitigation projects or the development of local multi-hazard mitigation (LHMP) plans. The federal share may not exceed 75 percent of the total activity cost, with a maximum requested federal share of \$2 million for projects, \$150,000 for multi-jurisdiction plans and updates and \$75,000 for single jurisdiction plans and updates. State and local governments, special districts, public colleges and universities, and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

The only county included in the Presidential Declaration for DR-1911 was Imperial County. The allocation of HMGP funds under DR-1911 is restricted to applicants located within Imperial County or state agencies serving Imperial County. To receive federal funding for hazard mitigation projects, sub-grant applicants must demonstrate that they will have an approved LHMP at the time of award. Cal EMA will review sub-grant applications to ensure that the proposed activity is in conformance with the goals and objectives of that plan.

The state-established program priorities are enclosed with this notification. Application activities that are not consistent with the state-established priorities will not be ranked. Please consider the priorities when selecting your mitigation activity.

All sub-grant applicants will be required to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI). A separate NOI is required for each proposed activity. Cal EMA will accept project activities only from applicants within Imperial County. In the event that the funds available exceed the eligible applications received, funds may be allocated to unfunded applications previously submitted for other events.

Applicants within Imperial County who are interested in submitting a NOI should contact Joe Peterson, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Cal EMA, at (916) 845-8172, or via email at Joe.Peterson@calema.ca.gov.

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Those submitting approved NOIs will be notified of the availability of the DR-1911 HMGP application forms and instructions. If you have any questions, contact the Hazard Mitigation Branch at (916) 845-8150.

Sincerely,



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State Hazard Mitigation Officer

PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR DR-1911 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The current funding estimate for DR-1911 is approximately \$7 million. The state has established the following specific priorities (all activities are equally weighted):

1. Project Activities:

- Applications will be accepted only from applicants within Imperial County or state agencies serving Imperial County.
- All sub-applicants selected for project funding consideration must provide a letter that demonstrates their efforts to ensure that an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) will be in place within the expected time frames leading to award. Cal EMA will review sub-grant applications to ensure that the proposed activity is in conformance with the goals and objectives of that plan.
- Federal share may not exceed \$2 million. Performance period may not exceed 3 years.
- All sub-grant applicants will be required to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI).
- Eligible project activities include but are not limited to:
 1. Flood mitigation projects. Specifically, flood barriers, culverts, and basins.
 2. Elevation or acquisition of repetitively damaged structures and structures in high flood hazard areas.
 3. Fire mitigation projects, specifically, defensible space, ignition resistant materials, and fuels reduction activities.
 4. Structural and non-structural seismic retrofits.

2. Planning Activities:

- Applications will be accepted only from applicants within the County of Imperial.
- Federal share may not exceed \$150,000 for multi-jurisdiction new plans and updates.
- Federal share may not exceed \$75,000 for single jurisdiction plans and updates.
- All sub-grant applicants will be required to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI).
- All planning activities must result in an approved and adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) that is either:
 1. New multi or single jurisdiction LHMP developed in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201.
 2. A comprehensive review and update of an existing LHMP to meet the five year plan update requirement under 44 CFR Part 201.