FEMA’s HMA Grant Programs

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Introduction – Who am I? Gary O’Neal, CFM

- Director of Grant Mitigation Services – Tetra Tech
- LFMA Board Member, Legislative Liaison
- National Hazard Mitigation Association (NHMA) – Vice President (2023)
- Amite River Basin Commission (ARBC) – Commissioner
- City of Walker – Planning & Zoning Commissioner
- Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) – ASFPM

Floodplain Management – Mitigation - Policy
TETRA TECH SNAPSHOT

**WORKS IN**
100+ COUNTRIES

**$4.5 billion**
ANNUAL REVENUE

**WORKS ON**
100,000 PROJECTS ANNUALLY

**22,000 CLIENTS**

**550 OFFICES**
WORLDWIDE

Publicly traded on NASDAQ as
TTEK

**ENR RANKINGS**

#1 Water
#1 Environmental Management
#1 Water Treatment/Desalination
#1 Hydro Plants

**100,000+ PROJECTS**

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550 OFFICES WORLDWIDE

27,000 EMPLOYEES
WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE?

Section 404 of the Stafford Act enables FEMA to operate multiple risk-reduction Grant Programs

- For FY 23 – These programs received over $1.5 Billion*
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) - $800 million
- Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) - $701 million (National Competition)
- Competitive programs designed to reduce impacts of natural disasters
- Also intended to both assess and address future risks to life, property and critical assets
The FMA Program is a nationally competitive Grant Program available annually from FEMA

- Designed to reduce the amount of flood insurance policy claims
- By doing so, the risk of flooding is ostensibly lowered simultaneously
- This program is in the 2nd year of historic funding levels thanks to recent infrastructure laws
- This program will seek to award a total of $3.46 billion nationally over a 5-year period
- The FY23 allocation is $800 million
- The application period for FY 23 is open now!
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER FMA PROGRAM

FMA is a versatile program that can be leveraged to address the impacts of climate change

• Localized Flood Risk Reduction (Neighborhood/Campus level)

• Non-Localized Flood Risk Reduction (Larger scale)

• Stabilization Projects

• Dry Floodproofing of Non-Residential Buildings

• Retrofits

• Aquifer Recharge, Storage & Recovery

The goal for FMA is to demonstrate a reduction in the number of flood claims and flood losses
FEMA’S BRIC PROGRAM EXPLAINED

FEMA’S Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities Grant Program is their Flagship Program!

• Designed to promote large scale resilience investment
• Intended for maximum flexibility
• Funded via an annual calculation from the Disaster Relief Fund (for consistent planning)
• $701 million available in the National Competition
• Prioritizes broad stakeholder outreach
• Public Private Partnerships & Equity considerations are baked in!

Like FMA, the BRIC Program’s application submission period is open now for FY 23!
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER BRIC PROGRAM

BRIC is intended specifically to promote ease of use and large-scale resilience investments

- Similar Flood Risk Reduction Projects
- Wildfire Mitigation
- Seismic Resilience
- Green and Blue Infrastructure
- Urban Heat Mitigation
- Secondary Power Sources & Warning Systems
- Planning Activities

FEMA Prioritizes Projects that increase Resilience of “Community Lifelines,” shown in the above graphic
FMA & BRIC ALLOCATION FOR FY 23

FEMA & Congress have allocated almost $2 Billion in funding for FY 2023

APPLICATION PERIOD:
October 16, 2023 - February 29, 2024

These programs represent an excellent avenue to capitalize on the goals of Cal State’s Climate Action Grants Program
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