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# **DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Managers  
and Native American Tribal Governments

**FROM:** W. Craig Fugate, Director  
Division of Emergency Management

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year-2008, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Repetitive  
Flood Claims Notification of Funding Availability

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is pleased to announce the opening of the Fiscal Year 2008 application cycle under the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and the Repetitive Flood Claims (RPC) programs. These programs are funded from the National Flood Insurance Fund for the purpose of reducing future claims paid from the fund by flood retrofitting or acquiring and demolishing/relocating structures that have flooded one or more times. Therefore, the DEM is soliciting from eligible entities applications which will be accepted in the E-Grants System until **December 21, 2007 for the RFC Program and February 15, 2008 for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.**

For the first time, FEMA may determine that sub-applications submitted, but not funded under one mitigation grant program may be considered for funding under another mitigation grant programs when the following condition is met:

*Applicants must include a statement in their sub-application under the "Comments for FEMA" field in E-Grants indicating their interest to have the sub-application considered for another mitigation grant programs by specifying the other mitigation grant program and corresponding CFDA number(s).*

All interested and eligible local and Native American Tribal governments are encouraged to submit sub-applications that address flood retrofitting or acquiring structures, residential or non-residential, in your communities. The goals of both programs are to fund technically feasible and cost-beneficial activities that will reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program, and thereby reduce the financial drain on the National Flood Insurance Fund.

Sub-applications for the FMA and RFC must be submitted to the DEM using FEMA's E-Grants System. Interested and eligible entities may register for E-Grants at the following webpage: <https://portal.fema.gov>. Sub-applicants are requested to place in the Application Title

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the grant type for which they are applying. For example, FY'08, FMA, Flood County Standard Elevation of 2555 Sink Boulevard, or FY'08, RFC, Flood County Acquisition-Demolition of 2555 Sink Boulevard. Additionally, a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for each FMA and RFC project must be conducted and attached to the E-Grant sub-application in PDF and Excel formats.

Provided below is a partial list of important items to consider when applying for the FMA or RFC program funds. However, this list is not a substitute for a full and complete reading of the appropriate Fiscal Year 2008 Guidance that can be found on the following websites

[www.floridadisaster.org/brm/FMAP.htm](http://www.floridadisaster.org/brm/FMAP.htm)

[www.floridadisaster.org/brm/RFCP.htm](http://www.floridadisaster.org/brm/RFCP.htm)

**Authorization:** The FMA Program is authorized under Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 United States Code 4104c), as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-325), and the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-264).

The RFC Program is authorized under Section 1323 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended by the Bunning-Bereuter-Blumenauer Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004.

**Sub-Applicant Eligibility:** Local Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, and State Agencies.

**Project Eligibility:** Retrofitting and flood mitigation activities associated with structures, residential or non-residential, that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at the time the mitigation project sub-application is submitted to FEMA by the Florida DEM and which have sustained one or more losses.

**Eligible Activities:** Under the RFC and FMA Programs, a range of retrofitting and flood mitigation activities associated with insured structures, such as acquisition and demolition or relocation, elevation and retrofit, dry flood-proofing of non-residential structures, minor physical flood control (drainage) projects, and beach nourishment. Modified elevations (demolition-rebuilds) are not eligible during Fiscal Year 2008 under these programs.

In addition to the eligible activities listed above, projects must also meet the following minimum criteria in order to be considered for funding:

- Be cost-beneficial to the National Flood Insurance Fund;
- Be technically feasible;

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- Be physically located in a NFIP participating community, which is not withdrawn or suspended;
- Be consistent with the goals and objectives of the State Mitigation Plan and, if available, the FEMA approved Flood Mitigation Plan;
- Comply with environmental laws, regulations and executive orders; and
- Conform to the minimum floodplain management standards of the NFIP.

**Cost-Share Requirements:** For the RFC Program, there is no cost-share requirement. Approved projects are 100% federally funded. However, each eligible sub-applicant must submit the reduced capacity certification.

For the FMA Program, the cost-share requirement is no more than 75% Federal and no less than 25% non-Federal.

**Sub-Application Deadlines:** Sub-applicant applications for the RFC program will be accepted by the DEM until December 21, 2007 and for the FMA Program until February 15, 2008. Fully eligible, technically feasible and cost-beneficial RFC applications will be provided to FEMA by January 31, 2008 and FMA applications will be provided to FEMA by March 31, 2008.

**Technical Assistance:** Technical assistance is available from the Division of Emergency Management staff. Please see the attached FMA, RFC and SRL Territorial Assignment Map, or consult the following websites:

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/brm/FMAP.htm>

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/brm/RFCP.htm>

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Attachments

cc: FMAP Points of Contact  
RFCP Points of Contact  
Emergency Management Directors