

## Mitigation Assistance

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| Primary Agency   | Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)   |
| Support Agencies | Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB)<br>Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA)<br>Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)<br>Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources<br>(IDNR - OWR)<br>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)<br>Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) |

### I. Introduction

#### A. Purpose

The purpose of this Annex is to reduce the loss of life and property due to disasters and to enable multi-hazard mitigation measures to be implemented during the recovery from a disaster.

#### B. Scope

The provisions set forth in this Annex specify the means to provide grants to state and local governments and private nonprofit organizations to implement long-term multi-hazard mitigation measures after a federal disaster declaration.

### II. Assumptions

A. Recovery assistance in accordance with this Annex is based on the assumption that a federal disaster declaration is approved for the affected area.

B. Local governments have the responsibility to identify projects that may be eligible under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

### III. Concept of Operations

#### A. General

1. Potential projects must have a beneficial impact upon the designated project area, whether or not they are located in the disaster area. Eligible organizations include the following:

a. State government - departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, universities

- b. Local government - counties, townships, municipalities, special districts
  - c. Private Non-Profit (PNP) - Organizations that own or operate a PNP facility as defined in 44 CFR 206.221. To be eligible for assistance, PNP organizations must provide services of a governmental nature. Some examples of facilities that are typically eligible include: hospitals, nursing homes, primary and secondary schools, utility cooperatives, museums, zoos, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers and sheltered workshops. Each PNP applicant will be evaluated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for eligibility on a case by case basis.
  - d. Native American tribes and tribal organizations
- 2. Potentially eligible projects must be in compliance with 44 CFR part 9, Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands and 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Considerations.
  - 3. Potentially eligible projects must be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
  - 4. Potentially eligible projects must be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of further damage, hardship, loss or suffering resulting from a major disaster.
  - 5. Potentially eligible projects must help to protect to public or private property. Types of projects include the following:
    - a. Structural hazard control or protection projects
    - b. Construction activities that will result in protection from hazards
    - c. Retrofitting of facilities
    - d. Property acquisition or relocation as defined in 44 CFR 206.434
    - e. Development of state or local mitigation standards
    - f. Development of comprehensive mitigation programs with implementation as an essential component
    - g. Development or improvement of warning systems

B. Notifications

Potential applicants will receive appropriate hazard mitigation information and HMGP applications materials by mail or at a special HMGP meeting if one is held.

C. Operational Structure

1. The applicant organization submits a project pre-application on Standard Form (SF) 424 to the Mitigation Coordination and Strategy Committee (MCSC).
2. The Mitigation Coordination and Strategy Committee (MCSC) of the Interagency Mitigation Advisory Group (IMAG) reviews the pre-application documents and makes a recommendation to IEMA.
3. If the project pre-application is accepted by MCSC, IEMA works with the applicant to formulate the project scope of work, perform the benefit-cost analysis, and prepare the Record of Environmental Considerations. (REC).
4. The project application is submitted to FEMA and, as applicable, approved by FEMA.
5. Project work is completed by the applicant.
6. IEMA will be the grantee for the project management and accountability of funds in accordance with 44 CFR Part 13.
7. IEMA will be responsible for the final monitoring and grant close-out activities.

D. Federal Coordination

Under a federal disaster declaration of a major disaster, primary and support agencies may coordinate with their federal counterparts when federal assistance is required.

## IV. Responsibilities

A. Primary Agency - Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

1. IEMA will coordinate the State's Hazard Mitigation Program. If necessary, the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) will employ contractual or temporary hires as Hazard Mitigation Specialists (HMSs) to assist the SHMO and provide program support.

2. IEMA will coordinate with the Federal Hazard Mitigation Officer (FHMO) in determining the composition of the Post Emergency Hazard Mitigation Strategy Team (PEHMST).
3. IEMA will coordinate with the PEHMST to implement a process for identifying potential hazard mitigation projects and to prioritize those project applicants.
4. IEMA will provide technical assistance to potential applicants and/or eligible subgrantees in developing and submitting applications and completing projects.
5. IEMA will coordinate with the FHMO in developing the hazard mitigation strategy for the disaster and in administering the program.
6. IEMA will oversee the ongoing efforts of the Interagency Mitigation Advisory Group (IMAG) and its sub-committees.
7. IEMA will involve the appropriate local agencies, which may include the local Emergency Services and Disaster Agency/Emergency Management Agency (ESDA/EMA) coordinators who will be coordinated through the IEMA regional offices.

B. Support Agencies

1. Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB)  
  
CDB will provide technical architectural/engineering expertise in the assessment of state-owned buildings.
2. Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office of Water Resources (IDNR - OWR)
  - a. IDNR – OWR will participate in the MCSC.
  - b. IDNR – OWR will provide sources of funding for approved mitigation projects.
  - c. IDNR – OWR will oversee compliance of local floodplain ordinances and participation of local governments in the National Flood Insurance Program.
  - d. IDNR – OWR will monitor flood stages throughout the state and provide technical assistance to IEMA concerning flood stages and damages to urban and rural areas. .

3. Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)
  - a. IHPA will participate in the MCSC.
  - b. IHPA will work in conjunction with FEMA-designated staff to ensure that potential mitigation projects are in compliance with federal and state historic preservation regulations.
4. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

IEPA will work in conjunction with FEMA designated staff to ensure that potential mitigation projects are in compliance with state environmental regulations.
5. Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA)

IDA will provide information that may be needed when a mitigation project may affect agricultural assets within the state.
6. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO)
  - a. IDCEO will participate in the MCSC.
  - b. IDCEO may provide sources of funding for approved mitigation projects.

## **V. Authorities**

- A. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (Hazard Mitigation and Relocation Assistance Act of 1993 and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000)
- B. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/).
- C. 44 CFR Parts 9, 10, 13, 201 and 206
- D. National Environmental Policy Act
- E. National Historic Preservation Act

## **VI. References**

- A. Illinois Multi-Hazard Mitigation Strategy
  1. Illinois Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (as amended)

2. Illinois Technological Hazard Mitigation Plan (as amended)
  3. Illinois Human-Caused Hazard Mitigation Plan (as amended)
- B. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administrative Plan (as amended)