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Panel at the Delaware Flood Insurance mini-roundtable.

FEMA identified two major goals to advance the Risk MAP program. The two moonshots, to double the nation's flood insurance policies and to quadruple mitigation investment by 2022, are top of mind.

Work in the Regions has been the key to success in advancing the moonshots. To advance the moonshots, the Region III Mitigation Division and State partners are working several different angles to help the states increase awareness. Examples of their efforts include:

1. Conducting mini-insurance roundtables. To date, the Region held meetings in WV and DE, with others scheduled for Fall 2018. In addition to coordinating the mini-insurance roundtable engagements with communities and insurance and real-estate professionals, the annual state consultation visits are also opportunities to engage with State partners on activities to increase insurance coverage, drive mitigation

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September 13, 2018
12:00 PM ET

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2:00 PM ET

Arkansas Floodplain Management Association Fall

action/investment and obtain their valuable insights and assistance.

2. Bolstering regional outreach of the moonshots. By enlisting the help of a [FEMA Corps team](#), we are driving awareness around flood risk and insurance in areas with Risk MAP projects nearing or in the post-preliminary phase. The team's responsibilities include identifying local fairs, schools, or Home Depot-type locations where they can set up tables and assist the public in searching their addresses on the Map Service Center (MSC) and provide them with outreach materials on buying flood insurance (Preferred Risk Policies (PRP) if outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or "contact your insurance agent" if inside the SFHA).
3. Supporting the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (PDC) insurance outreach effort (17 communities). The PDC reached out to State Partners and FEMA to express an interest in increasing the flood insurance penetration rate within their jurisdiction. Region III will explore how they can partner through technical assistance, messaging and product development, and conducting an Open House in late September.
4. Partnering with the Nurture Nature Center to target the PA communities of Lower Mount Bethel and Easton through their "CREATE Resilience: Creating Resilience through Education, Art, Technology and Engagement" Project. This project will engage high school seniors and community members in the Lehigh Valley to actively learn about their local weather hazards, as well as the mitigation strategies available to prevent loss to life and property. Using the brand new Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan as a core part of the educational components ensures that the community is focused on the most urgent hazards and can deliberate on the range of mitigation strategies available to households and communities. Providing access to National Oceanic Atmospheric Administrations' (NOAA) technology and resources, including Science on a Sphere, SOS Explorer, and the wide range of products available from the National Weather Service can increase hazard awareness and monitoring, raise the quality of the learning experience and ensure that the scientific information communicated is timely, accurate and engaging.

Let's continue to share the good work that is already happening and see how our combined efforts can be leveraged to build stronger communities. Please contact FEMA-Mitigation-Moonshot@fema.dhs.gov to share your questions, suggestions, and mitigation success stories.

50th Anniversary of the National Flood Insurance Program

Conference
September 23, 2018

**Technical Mapping
Advisory Council
Meeting**
September 25-26,
2018

**Risk MAP/CERC
Webinar Training
Series: Engaging
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Local Elected
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September 27, 2018
1:00 PM ET

USEFUL LINKS

Need help with ND Grants? Visit FEMA.gov. For assistance, please reach out to your FEMA Region CTP Lead.

Best Practice Templates are located in the [Best Practices](#) section on the CTP Collaboration Center.

FEMA CTP Collaboration Center Site Access

Click the link below to access the CTP Collaboration Center.

[Click here](#)

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Click the link below to register for access to the CTP Collaboration Center.

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Need Assistance?

If you have questions

The graphic is a celebratory poster for the 50th anniversary of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). At the top, it says "50th Anniversary of the National Flood Insurance Program" in large, bold letters. Below the title is a large "50" with a house icon inside the "0". To the left and right of the "50" are hands clapping. Below the "50" is the NFIP logo, which consists of three houses and the text "NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM". The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a green field. In the center of the field is a wooden bench. To the right of the bench are three circular icons: a house with a dollar sign, a house with a dollar sign and a house, and a house with a dollar sign and a house. Below the icons are three text boxes with statistics: "More than 1,485 communities have taken a more assertive approach to keeping their neighbors safe by joining the NFIP Community Rating System, which provides discounts for some flood insurance policies." "Nearly \$4B in flood grants has been dedicated by FEMA, buying out or elevating nearly 53,000 properties." "More than 6,300 flood-prone properties have been mitigated with the help of \$1.1 billion in NFIP Flood Mitigation Grants since 1996." At the bottom left, there is a text box that says "This photograph represents the ultimate floodplain from a community's perspective: nature following its course with no threat to life or property. The waterfront is a community asset where people can relax and enjoy the view. Photo courtesy of John Kinkead". At the bottom center is the FEMA logo.



On August 1, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency celebrated the National Flood Insurance Programs' (NFIP) 50th anniversary. The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, which created the program, provides flood insurance coverage to over 22,300 participating communities throughout the county.

"I commend Congress and the President for passing a four-month extension authorizing the program," said FEMA Administrator Brock Long. "Managing risk through insurance, including the NFIP, helps communities recover faster following disasters and reduces costs for taxpayers which is especially relevant as we enter into the height of hurricane season."

The program was created in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Betsy in 1965 and the resulting loss of life and property. The foundation of the NFIP was a humanitarian action to protect lives and communities by providing post flood financial aid to disaster survivors in the form of affordable flood insurance. Over the last 50 years, the NFIP met its mission to save life and property through partnerships with local and state governments and the private sector. Insured survivors recover faster and more fully from a flood than uninsured survivors and the NFIP is instrumental, providing the primary source of flood insurance in the United States for homeowners, renters and businesses.

The NFIP legacy includes:

- Managing flood risk for over 5 million policy holders in more than 22,300 communities participating in the NFIP by protecting the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains through land use and development requirements;
- Identifying and mapping over 1.1 million riverine and coastal miles of flood risk hazards to provide accurate flood hazard data, creating safe resilient communities in America's most beautiful landscapes; and

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- Mitigating the most flood-prone structures through nearly \$4 billion in flood grants, elevating or buying out nearly 53,000 properties.

The future of the program aligns with the agency's [2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan](#): “Build a Culture of Preparedness.” In the next four years, the NFIP aims to close the insurance gap and to double the number of current policies from 4 million to 8 million. The NFIP is committed to promoting a customer-centric approach to service empowering households and communities to understand, manage and insure their flood risks for the next 50 years and beyond.

For additional information about the flood insurance program and recognition of the program, visit [FloodSmart.gov](#) and [FEMA.gov/NFIP50](#).

CTP Training Opportunities

FEMA Announces FY18 PDM and FMA Application Cycle Webinars



The screenshot shows the FEMA website's "2018 NOFO Webinar Schedule" page. The page includes a navigation menu with links for Navigation, Search, and Languages. The main content area is titled "2018 NOFO Webinar Schedule" and contains the following text: "This page outlines the schedule of webinars supporting the FY2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity and eGrants. For more information about the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcements for the [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) and [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) grant programs visit [www.grants.gov](#)." Below this, there is a section for "August - September 2018 Webinar Schedule" with an "Expand All Sections" link. A dropdown menu is open for "NOFO", showing a webinar on "August Wednesday, August 15" with a time of 2 pm Eastern Time (1 pm Central, 12 pm Mountain, 11 am Pacific) and an Adobe Connect link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nofob18/>.

The 2018 NOFO Webinar Schedule can be found on [FEMA.gov](#)

FEMA has posted the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) announcements for the [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) and [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) grant programs on [www.grants.gov](#). These NOFO webinars include an overview of the grant programs and details about the agency's funding priorities and review process. FEMA is offering webinars in September on the FY18 NOFOs for prospective applicants on how to use the Mitigation eGrants system that is used to process grant applications. Applicants may attend any session. Upcoming sessions are listed below. Click [here](#) to view the complete webinar schedule.

NOFO Overview

- **Wednesday, September 12** at 2:00 PM ET (1:00 PM CT 12:00 PM MT, 11:00 AM PT)
- **Thursday, September 13** at 12:00 PM ET (11:00 AM CT, 10:00 AM MT, 9:00 AM PT)

For the online portion, please join using the following link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nofob18/> and for audio, please call **1-800-320-4330** and enter conference code **338559**.

E-Grants for Beginners

Primarily intended for sub-applicants and new users.

- **Tuesday, September 11** at 2:00 PM ET (1:00 PM CT 12:00 PM MT,

11:00 AM PT)

For the online portion, please join using the following link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/beginnersegrants/> and for audio, please call **1-800-320-4330** and enter conference code **338559**.

E-Grants for Advanced Users

Primarily intended for grant applicants, experienced sub-applicants, and power users.

- **Wednesday, September 19** at 2:00 PM ET (1:00 PM CT 12:00 PM MT, 11:00 AM PT)
- **Thursday, September 20** at 12:00 PM ET (11:00 AM CT, 10:00 AM MT, 9:00 AM PT)

For the online portion, please join using the following link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/advancedegrants/> and for audio, please call **1-800-320-4330** and enter conference code **338559**.

FEMA will open the FY18 application period on October 1, 2018. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible at <https://portal.fema.gov>. All applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM ET on January 31, 2019.

Program Funding

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):

FMA grants are available to implement measures to reduce or eliminate risk of severe repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#). In FY18, \$160 million is available for FMA grants. There is a set-aside of \$70 million for community advance assistance and flood mitigation projects. The remainder of the FY18 FMA grants will continue to focus on reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures, flood hazard mitigation planning, as well as technical assistance for applicants who were awarded FMA grant program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY17.

Further information is in the NOFO: [DHS-18-MT-029-000-99](#) and [FY 2018 FMA Fact Sheet](#).

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM):

The goal of the PDM grant program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while at the same time reducing reliance on federal funding from [Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act \(Stafford Act\)](#) disaster declarations. \$235.2 million is available for FY18 PDM grants. FEMA will provide allocations to states and territories which fulfill statutory requirements and will set aside \$15 million for federally recognized tribes. The balance of funds will be for the competitive mitigation activities with a major focus on resilient infrastructure. In addition, Advance Assistance activities are eligible and the highest priority for FY18 traditional competitive sub-applications is multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. FEMA will select eligible planning and project sub-applications that limit duplication of other HMA programs by prioritizing funding in areas without post-disaster funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). As directed by the Congressional appropriations language, FEMA will use the majority of the PDM funding for mitigation projects.

Further information is in the NOFO: [DHS-18-MT-047-000-99](#) and [FY 2018 PDM Fact Sheet](#).

Other helpful contact information:

- HMA Home Page: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>
- FEMA Regional Offices: <https://www.fema.gov/fema-regional-contacts>
- State Hazard Mitigation Officers: <http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers>
- HMA Helpline: 1-866-222-3580 or email: HMAGrantsHelpline@fema.dhs.gov

MT eGrants Helpdesk: 1-855-228-3362 or email: MTeGrants@fema.dhs.gov

TMAC Meeting on September 25-26, 2018 – Public Attendance is Encouraged

The Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will meet at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) auditorium in Reston, Virginia, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26, 2018. This meeting is open to the public.

The TMAC is a federal advisory committee established to review and make recommendations to FEMA on matters related to the National Flood Insurance Program's national flood mapping program. The TMAC is authorized under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) and the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA). Each year, the council produces and submits an annual report to the FEMA Administrator with its insights or recommendations on topics defined by legislation or included in FEMA's tasking memo for the year. To view past TMAC reports or read the summaries and agendas of previous TMAC meetings, visit the TMAC's website, www.fema.gov/tmac.

In 2018, FEMA tasked the TMAC to address three topics of key importance as FEMA considers ways to improve the way flood data is generated and delivered, redesigns flood risk rating for insurance coverage, and evolves its products and services to best meet customer needs. FEMA asked the TMAC to explore and provide insight on the following topics:

- Examine how FEMA's national flood mapping program may take steps to increase flood insurance coverage nationally.
- Explore ways to communicate the areas of uncertainty and precision associated with the data models used for FEMA studies and the resulting Special Flood Hazard Areas, without undermining the communication of flood risk and the perceived credibility of FEMA's information.
- Explore the criteria FEMA should consider in prioritizing unmapped areas, considering the need to create and maintain credible data for more populous areas while inspiring good mitigation practices nationally.

During the September meeting, the TMAC is expected to vote on the recommendations to be included in the TMAC 2018 Annual Report and to adopt the first draft of the 2018 report. To facilitate participation in this meeting, the council invites the public to provide written comments on the issues listed above, which are being considered. A summary of the TMAC's 2018 report will be posted at www.fema.gov/tmac by September 15, 2018. Interested individuals may review the concepts and submit comments to the public docket, FEMA-2014-0022, or register to attend and deliver comments in person by emailing FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov by September 19, 2018, no later than 11:00 PM ET. Comments made by members of the public during the meeting must be limited to 3 minutes or less. The public meeting will be held in on September 25 and 26 in the auditorium at the USGS facility at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. To register to attend or for more information, email FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov.

As mandated in BW-12 and governed by the requirements in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the TMAC is composed of representatives from federal, state, local and private sector organizations. The 20 council members are appointed based on their demonstrated knowledge and competence in surveying, cartography, remote sensing, geographic information systems, or the technical aspects of preparing and using Flood Insurance Rate Maps. For additional information on upcoming TMAC meetings, visit the Federal Register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/> and search for TMAC.

Risk MAP/CERC Webinar Training Series: Engaging and Empowering Local Elected Officials



Engaging local elected officials (LEOs) in planning for disasters and flooding events is critical to developing and implementing hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness, and recovery plans. Emergency management professionals, floodplain managers, public works staff, and planners need to understand the technical aspects of flood mitigation. However, social, environmental, cultural, and economic consequences of disasters resonate more with elected officials. For example, how does flooding affect businesses and jobs? Why should every constituent be encouraged to have flood insurance? How can city leaders prioritize mitigation actions? This one-hour webinar sheds light on the LEO mindset and provides tips and techniques for engaging, educating, and empowering LEOs to enact policies that support flood mitigation planning.

Thursday, September 27
1:00 PM ET

[Click here to access the WebEx link](#)

Audio Connection: 571-209-6390

Access Code: 992 788 848#

ND Grants 3.0 Systems Training

The Systems & Business Support Branch is pleased to offer **Non-Disaster Grants Management System (ND Grants)** webinar training. The training will provide Grant Recipients with a comprehensive overview of ND Grants.

September 12, 2018
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

[Click here to register](#)

Training objectives include:

- Register and login to ND Grants
- Add and update contacts
- Navigate ND Grants

- Create and update organizations
- Review and update submitted applications
- Submit performance reports
- Assign system user roles
- Review amendments

Online training sessions are limited to **100** participants per session. Registrations will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Once registered for a training session, you will receive an email with webinar information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the **ND Grants Service Desk** at NDGrants@fema.dhs.gov

Online Training: The Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) 101 Overview Course



The [CTP 101 eLearning course](#) is available on the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) training website. This course is designed for communities and Regional and State agencies that are participating in the CTP Programs. The course provides a foundational overview of the CTP Program and addresses specific areas such as funding, resources, eligible activities and Program evolution. The advantages to taking this eLearning course are:

New CTPs (1-3 years): Gain a detailed overview of the Program from funding basics to the future of the Program. New CTPs gain a basic understanding of Program elements, functions, terms, concepts and helpful tools.

Mid-Level CTPs (4-10 years): Review the Program basis, receive clarification of foundational concepts, explore available tools and resources and be introduced to evolution and Program direction.

Senior CTPs (>10 years): Review the Program basics and receive clarification of concepts, Program evolution details and direction.

Other Stakeholders: This course is also valuable to organizations who desire to become CTPs, FEMA Risk MAP Staff and providers. These audiences can build foundational program knowledge, an overview of programmatic processes and program history.

Students receive 0.2 CEUs.

The course is also available via mobile technology. You can take course via smart phone, tablet or computer. Compatible systems include iOS and Android. [Click here to take the course.](#)

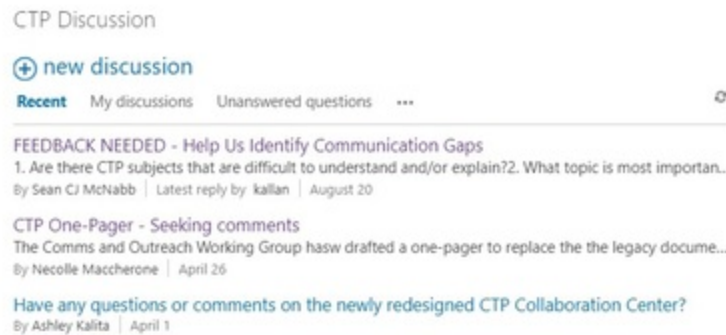
Training Hotlinks

The CTP Program offers a number of training opportunities. Some of our top training resources are:

1. [The Self-Assessment Tool](#)
2. [In-Person Training at the Emergency Management Institute](#)
3. [The CTP 101 Course](#)
4. [Various CTP Program Webinars](#)
5. [The CTP Collaboration Center Discussion Board](#)

Announcements

Have You Checked Out the Discussion Board on the Updated CTP Collaboration Center?



What CTP resources do you use to execute your work or to communicate with your stakeholders? Furthermore, what tools are best when FEMA engages with you as a CTP? Identifying the answers to those and other communications questions is the purview of the Communications Products and Outreach (CPO) Working Group.

The most current discussion centers around helping the CTP Program identify any communication gaps. The questions are:

1. Are there CTP subjects that are difficult to understand and/or explain?
2. What topic is most important for CTPs to get information about regularly?
3. What's the most useful tool you have been provided as a CTP?
4. As a new CTP, is there any tool that you wished you had been provided? And/or, as an existing CTP, is there a tool that you wished you had?

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated as the Working Group strives to identify communications gaps and improve available resources. Simply log on to the CTP Collaboration Center (register [here](#) if you haven't already) and navigate to the [Discussion Board](#).

September is National Preparedness Month



Each year, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM). NPM is a time to prepare for disasters and emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, go to school, worship, and visit.

This year's NPM is focused on planning, with the theme "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How."

- September 1-8
Make and Practice Your Plan
- September 9-15
Learn Life Saving Skills
- September 16-22
Check Your Insurance Coverage
- September 23-29
Save For an Emergency

Get more information and resources including the social media toolkit, graphics, and tips on promoting National Preparedness Month by visiting www.ready.gov/september.

CTP Program Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways to do that to get more involved in the CTP Program!

1. Talk to your Region about participating in the CoP Steering Committee. The CoP Steering Committee meetings quarterly to discuss the CTP Program's operational goals and objectives
2. Join the CTP Training and Mentoring Working Group
 - Volunteer to be a webinar subject matter expert
 - Sign up to be a Mentor
3. Join the CTP Recognition Program Ops Plan Working Group

4. Join the Performance Measures Ops Plan Working Group
5. Join the Communications Products and Outreach Ops Plan Working Group
6. Join the LOMR Review Partners Program Ops Plan Working Group!

Contact CTPAdmin@riskmapcde.com if you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities.



Have a CTP Best Practice to Share?

Over the past year, the CTP Program has been capturing best practices and developed a template to share those practices across the program. To expand that information sharing and education, the Program is collecting new best practice examples.

To share a best practice created by your CTP organization, download and complete the "[Best Practices Template](#)" and send it to CTPAdmin@riskmapcde.com for review. If

accepted, the best practice will be included on the CTP Collaboration Center and featured in the Collaboration Monthly.

For more information, a CTP Program Webinar Series titled **Show Your Work - Creating CTP Program Best Practices** was given at the CTP CoP General Committee Meeting. The [presentation](#) can be found on the CTP Collaboration Center.

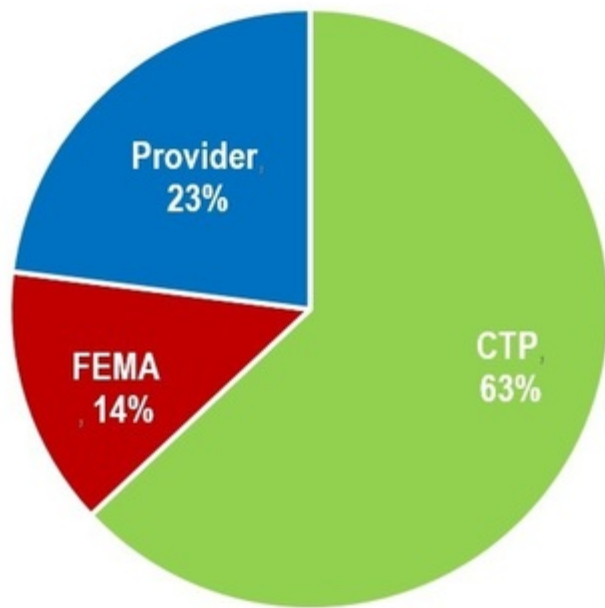
Click [here](#) to see past CTP Best Practices.

CTP Collaboration Monthly and RMD News Flash: Send Us Your Article Ideas!

The CTP Program is always looking for CTPs to submit topics or articles for the CTP Collaboration Monthly and the Risk Management National News Flash. If you have a topic or article to submit, or if you or your colleagues are not on the email distribution list for the Collaboration Monthly or News Flash, please contact **Ashley Kalita** (kalita_ashley@bah.com).



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