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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities: Tribal Stakeholder Input Sessions

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Division invites federally-recognized tribes to attend a stakeholder input session that will provide a brief overview and ask for feedback on key topics in the development of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA) Section 1234 - also known as the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.

The purpose of this session is to gather recommendations to consider when developing BRIC on the topic areas relevant to tribes. Following brief presentations, **there will be an opportunity to provide feedback.** At the end of the segment, there will also be time to answer general questions about BRIC. **This webinar is specifically for tribal applicants and sub-applicants to FEMA grant programs. This webinar will be offered twice. The content will be the same in both deliveries.**

Title: DRRA Section 1234 (BRIC): Tribal Stakeholder Input Sessions

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Stakeholder Input Session 1

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. ET

Stakeholder Input Session 2

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019 **Time:** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. ET

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FEMA Announces New Wildfire Aid



FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are now available to support wildfire recovery and implement mitigation projects absent a major disaster declaration.

This new post fire program, titled HMGP Post Fire, is part of the agency's implementation of the [Disaster Recovery Reform Act](#) (DRRA) of 2018. Section 1204 of the DRRA amended Sections 404 and Section 420 of the Stafford Act, and allows FEMA to provide [HMGP Post Fire](#) assistance to any area that received a Fire Management Assistance grant (FMAG) declaration under Section 420 on or after October 5, 2018. In recent fiscal years, HMGP funds were provided for these post-fire events on a temporary basis; the amended Section 404 (and 420) now permits permanent funding under HMGP.

FEMA encourages the mitigation of wildfire and related hazards, such as flood or erosion. The amount of funding available to recipients will be determined by the type of hazard mitigation plan, i.e., standard or enhanced, approved for each state, territory, or tribe, and the number of FMAG declarations recipients receive during a fiscal year (Oct 1-Sept 30). Federally-recognized tribes may apply as recipients if they have burned land from the FMAG-declared event. Project funding is prioritized based on project type and location.

Read more about the [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire Program](#).

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Update on the FY 18 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Award Cycle

This year, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) open [application period](#) closed on January 31. For this application cycle, FEMA had a total of \$410 million available for the two programs. During this time, FEMA received applications that totaled over \$510 million federal share for PDM; and nearly \$300 million for FMA.

On June 18, Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) announced the candidates who are identified for further review for both grant programs:

- 24 FMA applicants – \$159 M
 - 72 PDM Applicants – \$249 M
- Total = \$408M*

This includes \$10.7 million in PDM applications from 27 federally-recognized tribes, the largest number of tribes participating to date.

Moving forward, FEMA Regional offices will coordinate with applicants to complete pre-award activities and conduct an Environmental and Historic Preservation compliance review. Following this step, grants will be awarded based on funding availability.

Applicants may check their PDM standing on the [Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program FY 2018 Subapplication Status](#) webpage.

Applicants may check their FMA standing on the [Flood Mitigation Assistance FY 2018 Subapplication Status](#) webpage.

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FEMA Releases Video Documenting Colorado Springs Mitigation Success



In the summer of 2012, Colorado Springs experienced its most destructive wildfire in state history – the Waldo Canyon Fire.

The wildfire burned for 19 days, incinerated 18,000+ acres, destroyed 345 homes, and caused two fatalities.

Following the disaster, Colorado Springs Fire

Department used FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding to create a Wildfire Mitigation Program and team.

They worked to reduce wildfire risk and increase community resilience by providing wildfire mitigation and education.

The program continues to expand services and capabilities and also led a process to adopt higher fire-resistant building codes.

To learn more, please watch this [video](#) about the Waldo Canyon Fire and recovery.

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Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate Releases 2018 Annual Report

The Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate (OFIA) recently announced the release of the [2018 Annual Report](#). The report is intended to increase transparency, and to support the ongoing improvements to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the goal of reducing its complexity.

In 2018, the OFIA identified four primary policyholder and property owner frustrations, which included recommendations that present opportunities for reducing the complexity of FEMA:

- Confusion Regarding Premium Increases
- Confusion Regarding Condominium Coverage
- Misunderstanding Claim Impacts When Assuming a Non-Primary Residence
- Lack of Refunds for Prior Policy Terms After a Letter of Map Amendment is Issued

The mission of the OFIA is to advocate for the fair treatment of policyholders and property owners by providing education and guidance on all aspects of the NFIP, identifying trends affecting the public, and making recommendations for program improvements to FEMA leadership.



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Revised Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide



Recently, FEMA updated the policy on, and interpretation of, the requirements for Tribal Standard and Enhanced Mitigation Planning and released them in a revised version of the *Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide (Guide)*.

Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide

Released December 5, 2017

Effective December 5, 2018

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The intended use of the *Guide* is to facilitate consistent evaluation and approval of tribal mitigation plans as well as to facilitate compliance with the mitigation planning requirements when developing or updating plans.

A FEMA-approved tribal mitigation plan is one of the conditions of eligibility for certain FEMA assistance, such as Public Assistance

Categories C through G and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants.

To learn more about tribal mitigation plans and the *Guide*, visit the [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) webpage.

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Input Sessions

Developing Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program Series: [Tribal Stakeholder Input](#)

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Training

HMA Developing Quality Application Elements

- August 26-28 Clanton, Alabama

HMA: Application Review and Evaluation

- July 29-30 Emmitsburg, Maryland
- August 29-30 Clanton, Alabama
- September 17-18 Helena, Montana

HMA: Project Implementation and Closeout

- July 31-August 1 Emmitsburg, Maryland
- September 19-20 Helena, Montana

BCA: Entry-Level

- August 20-21 Clanton, Alabama
- September 25-26 Emmitsburg, Maryland

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