



RIEMA RHODE ISLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Subject: FY 2016 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Funding Opportunity

To Potential Hazard Mitigation Grant Applicants:

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) is pleased to announce the availability of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY 2016 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding for Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). The Pre-Application Activity forms are due to RIEMA by March 11, 2016 with the application period opening on March 15, 2016. Although the Pre-Application Activity forms are not required, submission by the deadline will expedite State review and sub-application instruction distribution.

Federally-funded hazard mitigation assistance programs provide significant opportunities to reduce, minimize, or eliminate potential damages to public and private infrastructure from natural hazard events. Funding for hazard mitigation plans and projects can reduce overall risks to the population and structures, while reducing the reliance on taxpayer-funded federal disaster assistance for disaster recovery.

In order to maximize the federal funds available, the State has identified a number of priority activities for the FY 2016 FMA and PDM funding cycles. Additional information on the specific activity types, federal prioritization criteria and other programmatic changes are available on the RIEMA website.

RIEMA is the conduit for all FEMA grant applications and acts in the Applicant capacity in this process. As such, RIEMA is required to review each submission for completeness and rank sub-applications that are ultimately submitted to FEMA for funding consideration. It is important to note that these grant programs can be highly competitive and FEMA may not be able to fund all project requests submitted.

For information about this application cycle, please contact Jessica Stimson at 401-462-7532 or jessica.stimson@ema.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter T. Gaynor", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter T. Gaynor
Director