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**2010 Mitigation Grant Program Guidance
FEMA Encourages Applications for Mitigation Grant Programs**
*The application period began June 1, 2009, and will remain
open until Dec. 4, 2009, for fiscal 2010 grants.*

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces the availability of the FY 2010 mitigation grant guidance and open application period for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance non-disaster programs. These programs allow local communities, state agencies, and federally-recognized tribal governments to apply for mitigation planning grants or project grants based on risks identified in FEMA approved local and state hazard mitigation plans.
- For the six states of FEMA Region VIII – Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming – the grants are managed through the Mitigation Division at the Denver-based regional offices.

Directors of state emergency management offices and, in some states, directors of natural resources administer the agency's hazard mitigation assistance programs to local communities, state-level agencies and federally recognized tribal governments.

- The purpose of FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance grant programs is to reduce:
 - Loss of life and property,
 - Overall risks to people and structures, and
 - Reliance on funding from disaster declarations.
- Examples of eligible hazard mitigation projects include:
 - Risk analysis planning,
 - Voluntary acquisition or relocation of structures to remove them from the floodplain,
 - Elevation,
 - Construction of safe rooms for public and private structures,
 - Structural retrofitting and non-structural retrofitting,
 - Vegetation management, such as bank stabilization and measures to achieve wildfire mitigation,
 - Protective measures for utilities, water and sanitary sewer systems,
 - Stormwater management projects, and
 - Localized flood control projects.

- The grant programs are explained below and consist of one program that focuses on risk reduction from all hazard types and three that directly address reduction of flood risk:
 - **Pre-Disaster Mitigation** is a nationally competitive program that provides funds for hazard mitigation planning grants and for implementation of mitigation project grants.
 - **Flood Mitigation Assistance** provides grants for cost-effective measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.
 - The **Repetitive Flood Claims** program provides funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program that have had one or more flood claim payments for flood damages. These funds may only be used for structures that cannot meet all of the requirements of the Flood Mitigation Assistance program.
 - The **Severe Repetitive Loss** program provides funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to residential structures insured by the National Flood Insurance Program that meet specific criteria in terms of multiple claims or claims that total an excessive cumulative amount. An insignificant number of severe repetitive loss structures are located in FEMA Region VIII.

Additional information is available at the following web site:
http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/grant_resources.shtm#0