

Notice of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding for Disaster 4233

South Dakota received a Presidential Disaster Declaration as a result of June 2016 statewide severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding. Subsequently, approximately \$440,000 of funding is now available for local governments and certain private-non-profit organizations to apply for hazard mitigation projects that will reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impacts of future disasters. If you are interested in finding out more about the eligibility of mitigation projects or applying for these funds, please contact Jim Poppen at 605-773-3231 or jim.poppen@state.sd.us. Discussions on your project are vital to ensure all components of the application are completed. The deadline for application submittal is May 1, 2016.

Timelines:

- Applications due to state: May 1, 2016 and we encourage to submit prior to deadline to ensure complete application.
- OEM reviews the applications for completeness: May/June 2016
- OEM presents applications to the State Hazard Mitigation Team: June 2016
- State Hazard Mitigation Team approved projects submitted to FEMA: July 2016
- FEMA has until July 2017 to award projects
- Period of Performance to complete approved projects: July 2019

Notes:

- In addition to this notice, Office of Emergency Management, along with FEMA, will host 2 separate conference calls on October 20th at 2:30 PM CDT and October 22nd at 10:30 AM CDT to discuss project eligibility, state and federal environmental requirements and answer questions from potential sub-applicants. The call in number is 1-866-410-8397 code 5874742034#
- FEMA has released a new version of the Benefit Cost Analysis software to version 5.2.1 and can be downloaded at [FEMA BCA Version 5.2.1](#)
- When submitting an application for a phased project, you will need to indicate that you are requesting the project to be phased and provide a detailed scope of work and budget for each phase of the project. A new benefit cost analysis is required for phase 2.
- If you intend to request progress payments throughout the construction of your project then this will need to be indicated in your application. Copies of all invoices and checks will be required and a project inspection will be performed by OEM prior to any payment. Each payment will be reimbursed at a 75% federal share rate with a 25% local match required.
- All agencies that have a stake in environmental and historical preservation for your project will need to have an environmental letter sent to them for their response on your project. These response letters ***must*** accompany the application. If construction is taking place on or near tribal property, it is a possibility the Tribal Historic Preservation Office may request a Class III Archeological Survey to be completed prior to award. This survey is an eligible expense.