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✓ General Program Information

The PDM Program, authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act ([//www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/15271](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/15271)), is designed to assist States, U.S. Territories, Federally-recognized tribes, and local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program. The goal is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes. Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. PDM grants are funded annually by Congressional appropriations and are awarded on a nationally competitive basis.

FEMA requires state, territorial, tribal, and local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for PDM mitigation projects. For more information on mitigation plan requirement, visit the Hazard

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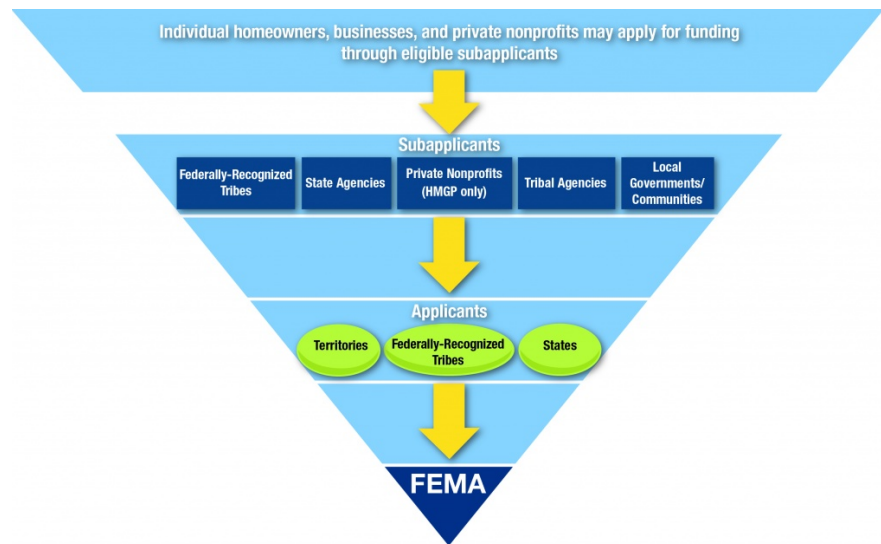
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Eligibility

Below is a flowchart showing the process individual homeowners, businesses, subapplicants and Applicants must go through in order to apply for PDM grants and how this process leads to FEMA.



Generally, local governments will sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners and then submit the applications to their State. All PDM grant applications must be forwarded to FEMA.

The following is a list of governments and organizations that can sponsor an application:

- States
- U.S. Territories
- Federally-recognized tribes

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- Local governments

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✓ Fiscal Year 2016 Application Cycle

The Fiscal Year 2016 application period was open March 15 through June 15, 2016, as announced in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for PDM posted on [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) ([//www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)): [DHS-16-MT-047-000-99](http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DDHS%7CDepartment%20of%20Homeland%20Security) ([//www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DDHS%7CDepartment%20of%20Homeland%20Security](http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencies%3DDHS%7CDepartment%20of%20Homeland%20Security)).

Please refer to the [Fiscal Year 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fact Sheet](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114667) ([//www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114667](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114667)) for more information.

FEMA completed its review of the Fiscal Year 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation applications and made selections based on available funding and the agency's priorities as stated in the NOFO. FEMA will *not* send notification letters to each applicant regarding their status. Rather, applicants should review the [FY 2016 PDM Subapplication Status](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2016-subapplication-status) ([/pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2016-subapplication-status](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2016-subapplication-status)) online.

✓ Fiscal Year 2015 Application Status

FEMA completed its review of the Fiscal Year 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation applications and made selections based on the agency's priorities and available funding. FEMA will *not* send notification letters to each applicant regarding their status. Rather, applicants should review the [FY 2015](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status) ([/pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status)) [PDM Subapplication Status](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status) ([/pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status](http://pre-disaster-mitigation-program-fy-2015-subapplication-status)) online.

✓ Application Process

Subapplicants submit mitigation planning and project subapplications to their State during the open application cycle. After reviewing planning and project applications to determine if they meet the program's requirements, the Applicants (i.e. States, U.S. Territories, or Federally-recognized tribal governments) prioritizes and forward the applications to their FEMA Regional Office.

Planning subapplications submitted for consideration for PDM funding must result in a mitigation plan adopted by the jurisdiction(s) and approved by FEMA. PDM funds mitigation planning to help States, U.S. Territories, Federally-recognized tribes and local governments engage in a planning process that meets the requirements outlined in 44 CFR Part 201 Mitigation Planning. For more information on FEMA's mitigation planning program, laws, regulation, policies, resources, and training, visit FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Planning Resources \(/hazard-mitigation-planning\)](https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning) web page.

Project subapplications submitted for consideration for PDM funding must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the current, FEMA-approved State or Tribal (Standard or Enhanced) hazard mitigation plan along with the local or tribal hazard mitigation plan for the jurisdiction in which the activity is located.

Once, the FEMA Regional Office reviews the application for eligibility and completeness, it is then forwarded to FEMA Headquarters where the final funding decision will be made. Funding is limited and FEMA Headquarters must make difficult decisions as to the most effective use of grant funds.

FEMA awards FMA funds to State, U.S. Territory, and Federally-recognized tribal Applicants, who in-turn provide subawards to local government subapplicants.

Please contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer, or Federally-recognized tribal/local government official to obtain detailed information on the PDM application process.

Please note that the PDM program is a highly competitive grant program and FEMA chooses the applications to be funded based on the Applicant's ranking of the project and the eligibility and cost-effectiveness of the project.

✓ Additional Resources

[FY 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fact Sheet](#)

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