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ART FAULKNER
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Dear DR-4176 (April 28, 2014 storms) Public Assistance and/or Individual Assistance Declared Counties:

Attached please find the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that is available to fund eligible mitigation actions following the April 28, 2014 storms.

Governor Robert Bentley has set the funding priority for these funds as community safe rooms. Other types of projects will be considered based on mitigation strategies in your local mitigation plan. Details of the available funding can be found in the attached NOFA.

Please be aware that the AEMA is enacting the HMGP Implementation Process. We recognize that some counties will be following the HMGP procedures for the first time. Items to note for this process are:

- Each county applying for funds must convene its Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee to complete one LOI per county:
 - **The LOI must be coordinated and prioritized through the local mitigation planning committee and signed by the County EMA Director and all affected applicants.**

All countywide LOI's must be submitted to AEMA within 30 days of the date of this NOFA.

We look forward to working with each of you and your jurisdictions that choose to apply for this grant funding. If you have questions, please contact Kelli Alexander, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at kelli.alexander@ema.alabama.gov or (205) 280-2269.

Sincerely,

Art Faulkner
Governor's Authorized Representative



DR-4176 (April 28, 2014 storms)

HMGP Notice of Funds Availability

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (or HMGP) funds are now available to be applied for by the Individual Assistance and/or Public Assistance declared counties. Governor Robert Bentley's and AEMA Director Art Faulkner's priorities for this program are community safe rooms. Other types of projects will be considered based on mitigation strategies in your local mitigation plan.

Letters of intent (attached) to apply for this funding must be submitted to AEMA by Oct. 27, 2014.

AEMA will utilize the HMGP implementation process for this disaster (see attached). This step must be taken in order for AEMA to accept the letters of intent:

- Each county applying for funds must convene its Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee to complete one LOI per county:
 - **The LOI must be coordinated and prioritized through the local mitigation planning committee and signed by the County EMA Director and all affected applicants.**

Once letters of intent are received and reviewed, the AEMA will schedule application workshops, as needed.

In the case that your local planning committee finds that community safe rooms do not fit into the priorities listed in your local mitigation plan and chooses different funding priorities, please provide justification, along with the actual priorities, in a written notice (and the LOI) signed by the County EMA Director and all affected applicants.

Please note:

Applications will be submitted on AEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance website: <https://grants.ema.alabama.gov/>. More information regarding this online application submission process will be available when the full application deadline is set.

The funding allocations can be found on the following page. Available amounts are listed in yellow by county. These amounts were calculated by the percentage of Individual Assistance and Public Assistance claims that were submitted to FEMA per county. Please note that these allocations are based on current estimates from FEMA and are subject to change (may increase or decrease) at a later date.

	Division by Combined IA & PA		
County	IA/PA Amounts Combined	% of Total est.	Funding Available by County
Baldwin	\$ 18,096,742.86	13.1%	\$ 2,372,373.37
Blount	\$ 823,868.40	13.1%	\$ 108,004.16
Bullock	\$ 177,231.87	13.1%	\$ 23,234.02
Butler	\$ 259,500.00	13.1%	\$ 34,018.88
Covington	\$ 850,127.00	13.1%	\$ 111,446.50
Crenshaw	\$ 69,400.00	13.1%	\$ 9,097.92
Dale	\$ 204,400.00	13.1%	\$ 26,795.60
DeKalb	\$ 520,981.57	13.1%	\$ 68,297.53
Etowah	\$ 4,723,008.40	13.1%	\$ 619,157.79
Franklin	\$ 728,000.00	13.1%	\$ 95,436.39
Geneva	\$ 280,129.00	13.1%	\$ 36,723.21
Houston	\$ 1,108,770.00	13.1%	\$ 145,353.03
Jefferson	\$ 7,639,863.08	13.1%	\$ 1,001,539.77
Lamar	\$ 346,000.00	13.1%	\$ 45,358.50
Lee	\$ 902,185.99	13.1%	\$ 118,271.12
Limestone	\$ 5,243,493.59	13.1%	\$ 687,390.25
Mobile	\$ 10,399,835.71	13.1%	\$ 1,363,355.46
Perry	\$ 210,000.00	13.1%	\$ 27,529.73
Pickens	\$ 423,870.00	13.1%	\$ 55,566.79
Tuscaloosa	\$ 4,522,945.83	13.1%	\$ 592,930.80
Washington	\$ 72,483.05	13.1%	\$ 9,502.09



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Implementation Process

Phase I – HMGP Funds Allocation/Application Submittal

- Disaster Declaration
- Perform HMGP briefings in conjunction with PA applicant briefings to announce availability of HMGP - general program overview
- Approximately 35 days:
 - Initial Estimate for HMGP received
 - State establishes initial procedure for funds allocation
- Approximately 90 days:
 - FEMA provides 90 day estimate for HMGP funding amount (can increase/decrease)
 - State finalizes the funding projections and issues NOFA to County EMA Office, with instructions to convene Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee to complete LOI by established deadline
 - LOI deadline set for 30 days from NOFA receipt
 - **Must be coordinated and prioritized through local mitigation planning committee and signed by County EMA Director and all affected applicants.**
 - State schedules application workshops, as needed
- Approximately 180 days:
 - Full Application Deadline

Phase II – Project Reviews and Submittals

- Applications completed by the requesting eligible sub-applicant via www.grants.ema.alabama.gov
- County EMA is informed of application submittal by sub-applicant
- AEMA planners will review and address any correspondence to the listed POC (and copy the county EMA director and AEMA Division Coordinator)
- In the event of lack of communication with the applicant, AEMA planner will speak with the County EMA director

Phase III – Project Approval/Implementation Procedures

- Upon FEMA approval, an approval package will be mailed to sub-grantee
- State-Subgrantee Agreement executed and returned to State
- Kick-off meeting held with AEMA, Sub-grantee, and County to discuss implementation and close-out procedures