

## HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Listed below are known sources of mitigation assistance available to states, communities and individuals in Idaho. This assistance usually will come in the form of either financial, technical assistance, or education/outreach.

<b>Name:</b> Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> <p>As stated in the FEMA's <i>Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance</i> (June 1, 2010), "The FMA program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (NFIA), 42 U.S.C. 4104c, with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)."</p> <p>Those eligible to apply for assistance include State-level agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, and local communities (to include State-recognized Indian Tribes, authorized Indian Tribal organizations, and Alaska Native villages). Private individuals and private non-profit (PNP) organizations are not eligible sub-applicants. However, a relevant State agency or local government may apply to the Applicant for assistance to mitigate private or private non-profit (PNP) structures.</p> <p>Project grants are available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition, structure demolition, or structure relocation with the property deed restricted for open space uses in perpetuity;</li> <li>• Elevation of structures;</li> <li>• Dry floodproofing of non-residential structures; and,</li> <li>• Minor structural flood control activities.</li> </ul> <p>All properties must be insured at the time of application and a Local Flood Mitigation Plan meeting 44 CFR Part 78.5 is required prior to award as condition of receiving project grants.</p>	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Matching requirements are up to 75% Federal, minimum 25% non-Federal match required. Of the total non-Federal share, not more than one-half may be provided from in-kind contributions.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Funds are allocated to each state based on the total number of NFIP insurance policies and the total number of repetitive loss properties within the state. States may apply for funding in excess of their allocations; additional funds are awarded on a competitive basis pending availability of funds.
<p><b>For More Information: Visit FEMA's Website at</b>  <a href="http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm</a>  <b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>          Federal Regional Center          130 - 228th Street, Southwest          Bothell, WA 98021-8627          (425) 487-4600</p>	

<b>Name:</b> Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Program	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> As stated in the FEMA' <i>Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (June 1, 2009)</i> , "The RFC program is authorized by Section 1323 of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4030 with the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time."  The eligibility is same as FMA, but only for those States or communities that cannot meet the requirements of the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program for either cost share or capacity to manage the activities.  Project grants are available for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition, structure demolition, or structure relocation with the property deed restricted for open space uses in perpetuity.</li> </ul> All properties must be insured at the time of application. A State/Tribal Standard or Enhanced hazard mitigation plan approved by FEMA in accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 201 is required by application deadline.  Application Requirements: Eligibility and Completeness Review, Mitigation Planning requirement, Technical Review: including Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), for Project and Property Ranking, Environmental and Historic Preservation Reviews	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Matching requirements are up to 100% Federal (no non-Federal match requirement).
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies
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<b>Name:</b> Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Program
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> As stated in the FEMA' <i>Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (June 1, 2009)</i> , "The SRL program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4102a, with the goal of reducing flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time."

Those eligible to apply for assistance include State-level agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, and local communities (to include State-recognized Indian Tribes, authorized Indian Tribal organizations, and Alaska Native villages). Private individuals and private non-profit (PNP) organizations are not eligible sub-applicants. However, a relevant State agency or local government may apply to the Applicant for assistance to mitigate private or private non-profit (PNP) structures.

Project grants are available for flood mitigation activities such as:

- Acquisition, structure demolition, or structure relocation with the property deed restricted for open space uses in perpetuity;
- Elevation of structures;
- Dry floodproofing of historic structures;
- Minor physical localized flood control projects; and,
- Mitigation Reconstruction (Demolition and rebuilding of structures).

All properties must be insured at the time of application. A State/Tribal Standard or Enhanced hazard mitigation plan approved by FEMA in accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 201 required by application deadline.

Application Requirements: Eligibility and Completeness Review, Mitigation Planning requirement, Technical Review: including Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), Engineering Feasibility, for Project Ranking, Environmental and Historic Preservation Reviews

<b>Source: FEMA</b>		<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Matching requirements are up to 75% Federal, minimum 25% non-Federal match required.	
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies	
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<b>Name:</b> Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program
<p><b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>                  As stated in the FEMA’ <i>Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (June 1, 2009)</i>, “The PDM program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133. The PDM program is designed to assist States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.” As part of the annual Congressional appropriations process, state allocations and Congressionally-directed funds (also known as earmarks) have been occurred at varying levels. In FY10, \$100 million was</p>

appropriated by Congress for the PDM program with a base allocation of \$500,000 per state.

Those eligible include State-level agencies including State institutions (e.g., State hospital or university); federally recognized Indian Tribal governments; local governments, including State-recognized Indian Tribes, authorized Indian Tribal organizations, and Alaska Native villages; public colleges and universities; and Indian Tribal colleges and universities. Private non-profit (PNP) organizations and private colleges and universities are not eligible Sub-applicants; however, an eligible, relevant State agency or local government may apply to the Applicant as the Sub-applicant for assistance to benefit the private entity.

Project grants are available for:

- Voluntary acquisition of real property (i.e. structures and land, where necessary) for open space conversion;
- Relocation of public or private structures;
- Elevation of existing public or private structures to avoid flooding;
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting (e.g., storm shutters, hurricane clips, bracing systems) of existing public or private structures to meet/exceed applicable building codes;
- Construction of safe rooms (tornado and severe wind shelters) for public and private structures that meet requirements in FEMA 320 and FEMA 361;
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic studies/analyses, engineering studies and drainage studies for the purpose of project design and feasibility determination directly related to the proposed project;
- Vegetation management for natural dune restoration, wildfire, or snow avalanche;
- Protective measures for utilities (e.g. electricity, gas); water and sanitary sewer systems and/or infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges);
- Storm water management projects (e.g., culverts, retention basins) to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from flood hazards; and,
- Localized flood control projects (certain ring levees, bank stabilization, floodwall systems) that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and that do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.

Planning grants are available for:

- New Plan development
- Plan upgrades
- Comprehensive Plan Revisions

In order to receive project grants, all Applicants MUST have a FEMA-approved State/Tribal Standard or Enhanced hazard mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201 by the application deadline. In addition, all Sub-applicants MUST have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201 to be eligible to receive project grant funding under the PDM program. PDM planning grants will continue to be available to Applicants and Sub-applicants that do not have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to enable them to meet the planning requirements.

Application Requirements - Eligibility and Completeness Review, including Applicant/Sub-Applicant eligibility, Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), and Mitigation Planning requirements  
National Ranking, FEMA will score all eligible planning and project sub-applications on the basis of predetermined, objective, quantitative factors to calculate a National Ranking Score.

<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Matching requirements are up to 75% Federal, minimum 25% non-Federal match required. Small, impoverished communities may be eligible for up to a 90% Federal cost-share.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	FY10 was \$500,000 per state but amount can vary from year to fiscal year
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**Name:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

As stated in the FEMA's *Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance (June 1, 2010)*, "HMGP is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (the Stafford Act), Title 42, United States Code (U.S.C.) 5170c. The key purpose of HMGP is to ensure that the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters is not lost during the reconstruction process following a disaster. HMGP is available, when authorized under a Presidential major disaster declaration, in the areas of the State requested by the Governor. "

Typical HMGP projects include:

- Elevation of homes above the floodplain.
- Debris basins, retention ponds.
- Stream bank stabilization.
- Pumps, floodgates, floodwalls.
- Strengthening old masonry buildings against earthquakes.
- Securing light fixtures and HVAC in schools.
- Acquisition and relocation.

Applicants must have a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan in accordance with 44 C.F.R. Parts 201.6 and 206.434(b) to be eligible to receive project grant funding under the HMGP. All activities submitted for consideration must be consistent with the Grantee's State/Tribal standard or enhanced hazard mitigation plan and the Applicant's Tribal/local/university hazard mitigation plan for the local jurisdiction in which the activity is located.

The primary responsibility for selecting and administering mitigation activities resides with the State. The State sets mitigation priorities and selects project applications that are developed and submitted by local jurisdictions. Although individuals may not apply directly to the State for assistance, local governments may sponsor an application on their behalf. After its eligibility review, the State forwards applications consistent with State mitigation planning objectives to FEMA for review and approval.

Application requirements - Eligibility and Completeness Review, including Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), Engineering Feasibility and Mitigation Planning requirements, Environmental and Historic Preservation Reviews	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	HMGP grant funds may be used to pay up to 75 % of the eligible project costs. The non-Federal match does not need to be cash; in-kind services or materials may be used.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Initiated after disaster declaration
<b>Amount Available:</b>	The amount of HMGP funding available to the Applicant is based upon the estimated total Federal assistance to be provided by FEMA for disaster recovery under the Presidential major disaster declaration.
<p><b>For More Information: Visit FEMA’s Website at</b>  <a href="http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm</a>  <b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>                  Federal Regional Center                  130 - 228th Street, Southwest                  Bothell, WA 98021-8627                  (425) 487-4600</p>	

<b>Name: National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)</b>	
<p><b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>                  The NFIP offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their community participates in the NFIP. Communities participate in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing a floodplain development controls designed to reduce future flood risks in the 100-year floodplain. The program is available to all flood-prone communities (participation in NFIP is voluntary) and most eligible communities have elected to participate. IDWR administers the program in Idaho and insurance is sold through State-licensed companies. The NFIP includes Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage for new and renewed Standard Flood Insurance Policies. ICC is an effective way to mitigate RL and SRL properties and may be considered in combination with other funding streams.</p> <p><i>Community Rating System</i> - The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS.</p>	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	
<b>For More Information: Visit FEMA’s Website at</b>	

<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>  
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**Name: Public Assistance (PA) Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**  
 Funding provided through federally declared Disaster assistance programs may be used for mitigation actions as part of the recovery process. This funding is administered by BHS. Examples of such applications include:  
  
 Public Assistance (PA) Program - According to the FEMA website, “Through the PA Program, FEMA provides assistance for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain PNP organizations. Section 406 of the Stafford Act provides a funding source for cost-effective hazard mitigation measures that would reduce or eliminate the threat of future damage to a facility damaged during the disaster. The measures must apply only to the damaged elements of a facility rather than to other, undamaged parts of the facility or to the entire system. Section 406 mitigation measures are considered part of the total eligible cost of repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of a facility. They are limited to measures of permanent work, and the Applicant may not apply mitigation funding to alternate projects or improved projects if a new replacement facility is involved. Upgrades required to meet applicable codes and standards are not ‘mitigation measures’ because these measures are part of eligible restoration work.”

<b>Source: FEMA</b>	<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	
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**Name: Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG)**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**  
 According to the FEMA website, “Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) provides funding to assist State and local governments with sustaining and enhancing all-hazards emergency management capabilities. Emergency management must be able to coordinate in the context of natural and human-made hazards, as well as technological events, that threaten the security of the homeland and the safety and well-being of citizens. An all-hazards approach to preparedness, including the

development of a comprehensive program of planning, training, and exercises, sets the stage for an effective and consistent response to any threatened or actual disaster or emergency, regardless of the cause.”

Participating communities develop performance goals for their emergency management programs and design projects to meet those goals. After being funded, the participants must evaluate progress and report back to BHS to remain eligible.

<b>Source: FEMA</b>	<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	EMPG has a 50 percent Federal and 50 percent State cost-share requirement.
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year
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**For More Information: Visit FEMA’s Website at**  
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**Name: Community Assistance Program – State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE)**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

According to the FEMA website, “[the CAP-SSSE] program provides funding to States to provide technical assistance to communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to evaluate community performance in implementing NFIP floodplain management activities. In this way, CAP-SSSE helps to:

- Ensure that the flood loss reduction goals of the NFIP are met,
- Build State and community floodplain management expertise and capability, and
- Leverage State knowledge and expertise in working with their communities.”
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Examples of some fundable activities are:

- Performance Measurement/Five-Year Plan Updates
- State Model Ordinance Research and Development
- Ordinance Assistance
- Tracking and Reporting Floodplain Management Data
- Community Assistance Visits and Community Assistance Contacts
- Outreach, Workshops, and Other Training
- General Technical Assistance
- Mapping Assistance
- Coordination with Other State Programs and Agencies
- Assistance to Communities in Responding to Disasters

<b>Source: FEMA</b>	<b>Type: Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach</b>
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	There is a 25 percent non-federal match for all States receiving CAP-SSSE funds.
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year
<p><b>For More Information: Visit FEMA’s Website at</b>  <a href="http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/fema_cap-ssse.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/fema_cap-ssse.shtm</a>  <b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>                  Federal Regional Center                  130 - 228th Street, Southwest                  Bothell, WA 98021-8627                  (425) 487-4600</p>	

<b>Name: Community Disaster Loan Program</b>	
<p><b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>                  The program provides direct loans to local governments to offset the loss of tax or other revenues as a result of a major disaster. The loans are to be directly used to maintain local governmental functions such as police and fire protection, or water and sewer services. Loans are not to exceed 25 percent of the local government’s annual operating budget for the fiscal year in which the major disaster occurs, up to a maximum of \$5 million.</p> <p>Eligibility:                  Any local government or other eligible jurisdiction in a designated disaster area that has demonstrated a substantial tax loss and a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions.</p> <p>Application:                  The State’s Governor requests a Presidential declaration of an emergency or disaster through the FEMA Regional Director. An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in the State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance. Upon declaration of a major disaster, one may apply for assistance through the Governor’s authorized representative.</p>	
<b>Source: FEMA</b>	<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	No cost sharing requirements
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Initiated when a disaster is declared
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Loans are not to exceed 25 percent of the local government’s annual operating budget for the fiscal year in which the major disaster occurs, up to a maximum of \$5 million.
<p><b>For More Information:</b>                  Public Assistance Branch, Recovery Division                  FEMA, DHS                  500 C Street SW.                  Washington, DC 20472  <a href="http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fs_cdl.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fs_cdl.shtm</a></p>	

**Name: Individuals and Households Program (IHP)**

<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>	
<p>The Individuals and Households Program (IHP) is a combined FEMA and state program. When a major disaster occurs, this program provides money and services to people in the declared area whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance. In every case, the disaster victim must register for assistance and establish eligibility.</p> <p>Registration can be done in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone. Call the toll-free number 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)</li> <li>• Speech- or hearing-impaired callers can use the TTY number 1-800-462-7585</li> <li>• Internet. Go to <a href="http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov">www.DisasterAssistance.gov</a></li> </ul> <p>When registering, applicants will need to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and Social Security number</li> <li>• Address of the damaged property</li> <li>• Current address and telephone number</li> <li>• Insurance information</li> <li>• Total household annual income</li> <li>• A bank routing and account number for direct deposit</li> <li>• A description of your losses caused by the disaster</li> </ul>	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Initiated when a disaster is declared
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies
<p><b>For More Information: Visit FEMA’s Website at</b>  <a href="http://www.fema.gov/media/fact_sheets/individual-assistance.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/media/fact_sheets/individual-assistance.shtm</a></p> <p><b>Applicants with questions about disaster assistance can call the Helpline: 1-800-621-FEMA</b></p> <p><b>Speech- or hearing-impaired callers can use the TTY number 1-800-462-7585</b></p>	

<b>Name: Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Program</b>
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>
<p>Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) Program integrates historic preservation considerations into FEMA’s mission of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. During disaster recovery operations, the agency assesses damages to historic and cultural resources, provides technical assistance to States and local jurisdictions, and ensures compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations, such as the National Historic Preservation Act.</p> <p>It is FEMA's policy to act with care to ensure that its disaster response and recovery, mitigation and preparedness responsibilities are carried out in a manner that is consistent with all Federal</p>

environmental and historic preservation policies and laws. FEMA uses all practical means and measures to protect, restore and enhance the quality of the environment, to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to the environment, and to attain the objectives of:

- Achieving use of the environment without degradation or undesirable and unintended consequences;
- Preserving historic, cultural and natural aspects of national heritage and maintaining, wherever possible, an environment that supports diversity and variety of individual choice;
- Achieving a balance between resource use and development within the sustained carrying capacity of the ecosystem involved; and
- Enhancing the quality of renewable resources and working toward the maximum attainable recycling of depletable resources.

**Source:** FEMA

**Type:** Financial Assistance

**Cost Sharing:** Contact FEMA Representative

**Application Timeframe:** Changes with fiscal year

**Amount Available:** Changes with fiscal year

**For More Information:** Visit FEMA’s Website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/>

**Name: Flood Plain Management Services (FPMS) Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act (PL 86-645), as amended, provides the authority for the Corps of Engineers to provide assistance and guidance on all aspects of flood plain management planning. The program develops or interprets site-specific data on obstructions to flood flows, flood formation and timing; and the extent, duration, and frequency of flooding. Upon request, program services are provided to the State, regional, and local governments, Indian Tribes, and other non-Federal public agencies without charge. Activities under the Corps FPMS Program are described below:

**General Technical Services**

Flood and flood plain related data are obtained or developed and interpreted. Topics include flood formation and timing, flood depth or stage, floodwater velocity, extent of flooding, duration of flooding, flood frequency, obstruction to flood flows, "regulatory floodways," natural and cultural resource values of note, and flood loss potentials before and after employment of flood plain management measures.

**General Planning Assistance**

Planning assistance and guidance is provided for implementing or meeting requirements of flood plain regulations; flood warning and flood emergency preparedness; hurricane evacuation planning; flood proofing measures (e.g., elevation, closures and seals, and anchorage); permanent evacuation and relocation; the National Flood Insurance Program; and Executive Order 11988. The Corps assists in all aspects of flood plain management planning. This can range from helping a community identify the future of the flood plain and related problems (of both the flood modifying and occupance modifying varieties) that may be appropriate. Included are the possible impacts of off-flood plain land use changes

on the physical, socio-economic, and environmental conditions of the flood plain.

**Guides, Pamphlets, and Supporting Studies**

The Program includes studies to improve methods and procedures for flood damage prevention and abatement and preparation of guides and pamphlets on topics such as flood proofing, flood plain regulations, flood plain occupancy, economics of flood plain regulations, and important natural flood plain values. Guides and pamphlets are prepared for use by State and local governments, private citizens, and Federal agencies in planning and in taking action to reduce flood damages or damage potentials as part of a flood plain management program.

<b>Source:</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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**Name: Planning Assistance to States Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Authority and Scope. Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act(WRDA) of 1974,as amended, provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to assist the States, local governments, and other non-Federal entities, in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, , and conservation of water and related land resources. Section 208 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 amended the WRDA of 1974 to include Native American Tribes as equivalent to a State.

Funding.

The Planning Assistance to States program is funded annually by Congress. Federal allotments for each State or Tribe from the nation-wide appropriation are limited to \$500,000annually, but typically are much less. Individual studies, of which there may be more than one per State or Tribe per year, generally cost \$25,000 to \$75,000. These studies are cost shared on a 50 percent Federal - 50 percent non-Federal basis.

The needed planning assistance is determined by the individual States and Tribes. Every year, each State and Indian Tribe can provide the Corps of Engineers its request for studies under the program, and the Corps then accommodates as many studies as possible within the funding allotment. Typical studies are only planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction. The studies generally involve the analysis of existing data for planning purposes using standard engineering techniques although some data collection is often necessary. Most studies become the basis for State or Tribal and local planning decisions.

<p>Types of studies conducted in recent years under the program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Supply and Demand Studies</li> <li>• Water Quality Studies</li> <li>• Environmental Conservation/Restoration Studies</li> <li>• Wetlands Evaluation Studies</li> <li>• Dam Safety/Failure Studies</li> <li>• Flood Damage Reduction Studies</li> <li>• Flood Plain Management Studies</li> <li>• Coastal Zone Management/Protection Studies</li> <li>• Harbor/Port Studies</li> </ul> <p>How to Request Assistance: State, local government and Tribal officials who are interested in obtaining planning assistance under this Program can contact the appropriate Corps office for further details. Alternatively, interested parties can contact the appropriate State or Tribal Planning Assistance to States coordinator to request assistance. In either case, the Corps will coordinate all requests for assistance with the State or Tribal Planning Assistance to States coordinator to ensure that studies are initiated on State or Tribal prioritized needs.</p>	
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	These studies are cost shared on a 50 percent Federal - 50 percent non-Federal basis.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year
<p><b>For More Information:</b>  <b>US Army Corps of Engineers</b>                  Walla Walla District Headquarters                  201 North Third Avenue                  Walla Walla WA. 99362-1876  <a href="mailto:cenww-pa@usace.army.mil">cenww-pa@usace.army.mil</a></p>	

<b>Name: Continuing Authorities Program</b>	
<p><b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>                  Congress has provided USACE with a number of standing authorities to study and build water resource projects for various purposes without additional project specific congressional authorization. The types of projects addressed by the Continuing Authorities Program include emergency streambank and shoreline erosion, flood control projects, and snagging and clearing for flood control.</p>	
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Varies based on project
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year and by project
<b>For More Information:</b>	

**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
 Walla Walla District Headquarters  
 201 North Third Avenue  
 Walla Walla WA. 99362-1876  
[cenww-pa@usace.army.mil](mailto:cenww-pa@usace.army.mil)

**Name: Inspection of Completed Works Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Civil works structures whose failure or partial failure could jeopardize the operational integrity of the project, endanger the lives and safety of the public or cause substantial property damage, are periodically inspected and evaluated to ensure their structural stability, safety, and operational adequacy. For those structures constructed by the Corps and turned over to others for operation and maintenance, the operating entity is responsible for periodic inspection and evaluation. The Corps may conduct the inspection on behalf of the project sponsor provided appropriate reimbursement to the Corps is made. However, the Corps may participate in the inspection with the operating entity at the government’s expense.

<b>Source:</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact Corps Representative
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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**For More Information:**  
**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
 Walla Walla District Headquarters  
 201 North Third Avenue  
 Walla Walla WA. 99362-1876  
[cenww-pa@usace.army.mil](mailto:cenww-pa@usace.army.mil)

**Name: Rehabilitation and Inspection Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

The Rehabilitation and Inspection Program is the Corps of Engineers program that provides for inspection of flood control projects, the rehabilitation of damaged flood control projects, and the rehabilitation of Federally authorized and constructed hurricane or shore protection projects.

<b>Source:</b> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact Corps Representative
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>For More Information:</b> <b>US Army Corps of Engineers</b> Walla Walla District Headquarters 201 North Third Avenue Walla Walla WA. 99362-1876 <a href="mailto:cenww-pa@usace.army.mil">cenww-pa@usace.army.mil</a>	

<b>Name: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> The CDBG program provides grants and technical assistance to federally designated and non-designated municipalities for any type of community development. There is an Entitlement component that provides funding for designated communities via a set formula. The Competitive component provides funding of up to \$500,000 to non-federally designated communities. These grants may be used for infrastructure improvement, public services, or development and planning. 70% of the project must benefit low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG money can be used as matching funds for the FEMA HMA grant programs.	
<b>Note: CDBG funds have not been used in Idaho to match FEMA Unified HMA program funds; however, they can be used this way. This is a potential funding source.</b>	
<b>Source: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</b>	<b>Type: Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact Representative
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact Representative
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Up to \$500,000
<b>For More Information:</b> <b>U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</b> <b>Boise Field Office</b> <b>Plaza IV, Suite 220</b> <b>800 Park Boulevard</b> <b>Boise, Idaho 83712-7743</b> <b>Phone: 208-334-1990</b> <b>Fax: 208-334-9648 and Email: <a href="mailto:ID_Webmanager@hud.gov">ID_Webmanager@hud.gov</a></b>	

<b>Name: Department of Homeland Security Grant (HSGP) Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> The Homeland Security Grant Program consists of five sub-programs: the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), and Citizen Corps Program (CCP). The SHSP is the core assistance program in this suite; it provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in state homeland security strategies and initiatives in their State Preparedness Reports. At least 25% of these funds are dedicated towards anti-terrorism activities.	

UASI focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in metropolitan areas, while OPSG is intended to enhance cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the US border. MMRS supports the integration of emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. Finally, the CCP is intended to bring community and government leaders to coordinate community involvement in preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery.

<b>Source:</b> Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	(Optional)
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies from fiscal year to fiscal year and depends on which sub-program the grant application is for.
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- For More Information:**
- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday.
  - For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, please contact the FEMA Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail at ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

**Name: Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Programs**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**  
 The SBA Disaster Loan Program provides low-interest, long-term loans to businesses to repair or replace damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and supplies. Homeowners may also qualify for low-interest loans to help rebuild or repair their homes or repair or replace uninsured or underinsured flood damaged personal property. Renters may qualify for loans to repair or replace personal property. Economic Injury Disaster Loans provide working capital to small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives to assist them through the recovery period.

<b>Source:</b> Small Business Administration	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Not Applicable
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Typically the application timeframe begins once a declaration is made. The deadline is usually 60 days after a declared declaration. The timeframe may change depending upon the disaster. It is best to contact SBA for more detailed information. This is for physical damage only.
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies on a case by case basis
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**For More Information:**

SBA Field Operations Center - West  
 Mailing address:  
 P.O. Box 419004  
 Sacramento, CA 95841-9004

Phone (916) 735-1500  
 Toll-Free (800) 488-5323 or 1-800-659-2955  
 TTY (916) 735-1683  
 Hours of Operation: 8 am to 5 pm  
 Monday through Friday

**Name: National Earthquake Reduction Program (NERP)**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Under NERP, The National Earthquake Technical Assistance (NETAP) Program is a technical assistance program created to provide short-term, no-cost architectural and engineering support related to earthquake mitigation. Examples of NETAP projects are seismic retrofit/evaluation training, evaluation of seismic hazards critical/essential facilities, post earthquake evaluations of buildings and development of retrofit guidance for homeowners. BHS administers this program in Idaho.

- State and local agencies and organizations interested in holding a NETAP course in their locality should contact the earthquake program manager at their FEMA Regional Office, [FEMA Headquarters and Regional Earthquake Contacts](#), for information. NETAP can often cover the cost of providing course materials for students and a highly qualified on-site instructor.
- Some of the NETAP courses are based upon specific FEMA earthquake publications, and FEMA also maintains an online training tool for state earthquake program personnel. Visit [Earthquake Publications and Tools—Training](#) to review and access these resources.

**Other tools available are :**

- FEMA also creates tools that facilitate and promote the use of earthquake risk-reduction measures. The most prominent example is the HAZUS earthquake model, part of the Hazards U.S. Multi-Hazard (HAZUS-MH) software system. The earthquake model, which FEMA first released in 1997 and has since continually refined, employs sophisticated risk-assessment methodologies to estimate potential earthquake damage and losses. HAZUS estimates inform and stimulate preparedness and response planning and training, and help states and localities assess the need for and potential benefits of specific risk-reduction strategies such as seismic rehabilitation of existing buildings.
- <http://www.quakesmart.org/>

**Source:** FEMA

**Type:** Technical Assistance  
 Financial Assistance  
 Education/Outreach

**Cost Sharing:** Varies

**Application Timeframe:** Changes with fiscal year

**Amount Available:** Changes with fiscal year

**Notes:** EMPG, HMGP, and PDM grants can also be used with earthquake mitigation project efforts.

**For More Information:**

**FEMA Region X Representative**

**Ms. Tamra Biasco 130 228th Street, SW**

**Bothell, WA 98021 (425) 487-4645**

**tamra.biasco@dhs.gov**

**Name: Drought Assistance Programs**

**Source: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

**Type: Technical Assistance  
Financial Assistance  
Education/Outreach**

**Cost Sharing:**

**Application Timeframe:** Varies upon disaster and fiscal year

**Amount Available:** Varies upon disaster and fiscal year

Natural disaster is a constant threat to America's farmers and ranchers and rural residents. USDA provides assistance for losses that result from drought, flood, fire, freeze, tornadoes, pest infestation, and other calamities. The most common assistance programs are listed below:

- **Emergency Food Assistance Program**  
USDA provides emergency food assistance to states that are in crisis. USDA purchases, processes, and packages the food, then ships it to the individual states.
- **Emergency Food Safety Information**  
Disasters can jeopardize the safety of food due to unfavorable conditions. USDA provides information on how to determine if food is safe and how to keep it safe in cases of emergency. This helps to minimize the risk of foodborne illness in emergency situations.
- **Federal Disaster Assistance Information**  
USDA helps to keep the public prepared when disaster strikes with safety alerts, preparedness lists, and disaster prevention information.
- **Food Aid Programs**  
USDA helps provide the U.S. agricultural commodities that feed millions of hungry people in needy countries through its direct donations and concession programs.
- **Emergency Loan Assistance**  
USDA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from losses due to natural disasters or quarantine.
- **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**  
The Emergency Watershed Protection program safeguards lives and property from floods, droughts, and the erosion on any watershed, when natural occurrences cause a sudden impairment of the watershed.
- **Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program**  
The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

- Crop Disaster Program Facts  
USDA offers facts and information on crop disaster as a part of its Crop Disaster Assistance Program.
- Crop Insurance Policies  
USDA offers crop insurance policies as a risk management option for agricultural producers.

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450 West State Street, 2nd Floor  
Boise, ID 8372  
Tel: (208) 334-5742  
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**Name: State Dam Safety Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

The State Dam Safety Program (DSP) is administered in Idaho by Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). This program focuses on inspection, classification, emergency planning for dam safety and permitting of Emergency Action Plans (EAPs). Funding may be used for a variety of projects including: dam safety related training for State personnel and training in the field for dam owners to conduct annual maintenance reviews; revision of State maintenance and operation guidelines; improvements to dam inventory databases; and, creation of dam safety videos and outreach materials.

Additionally, water system improvement funds are authorized under the Revolving Development Account and the Water Management Account, administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). Interested organizations and communities can contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources for further information on these accounts.

<b>Source:</b> Idaho Department of Water Resources	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact Representative
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact Representative
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Contact Representative
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**For More Information:**

The Idaho Water Center  
 322 East Front Street  
 PO Box 83720  
 Boise, Idaho 83720-0098  
 Phone: (208) 287-4800  
 Fax: (208) 287-6700

**Name: Water Quality Improvement Projects**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) administers federal and state funds used to provide grants and low-interest loans to eligible entities to conduct specific activities designed to improve the quality of Idaho's water resources. Each grant and loan has its own application requirements and time schedule. Follow the links below for more in-depth information for each type of grant and loan.

In addition, DEQ often receives notice of funding opportunities for water quality improvement projects from other agencies and organizations and passes relevant information on to stakeholders. These are not DEQ-administered funds or programs and DEQ is not involved in decisions relating to them, but provides the information as a public service.

- **Drinking Water Construction Loans**

DEQ's Drinking Water Construction Loan Fund provides below-market-rate interest loans to help repair or build new drinking water facilities. Eligible facilities include water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities. Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for project design and/or construction.

- **Drinking Water Planning Grants**

DEQ's Drinking Water Planning Grant Program provides assistance to eligible public drinking water systems for facility planning projects designed to ensure safe and adequate supplies of drinking water. Grants awarded under this program may be used to develop engineering reports identifying the most cost-effective, environmentally sound method of upgrading a public drinking water system to achieve

and maintain compliance with state and federal standards. Grants cover up to 50% of eligible planning costs, with a matching share funded by local sources.

- **Nonpoint Source Management §319 Subgrants**

Section 319 of the Clean Water Act established a grant program under which states, territories, and tribes may receive funds to support a wide variety of nonpoint source pollution management activities. DEQ is the state agency responsible for administering this grant program in Idaho.

A successful grant must focus on improving the water quality of lakes, streams, rivers, and aquifers. Funds may be used to address a variety of nonpoint source management and prevention activities in the areas of agriculture, urban storm water runoff, transportation, silviculture/forestry, mining, ground water activities, and hydrologic and habitat modification and related activities.

- **Source Water Protection Grants**

DEQ’s Source Water Protection Grants provide funding for projects to protect sources of public drinking water. Projects can take either a local or regional approach. Local projects will concentrate on protection of a specific community public water supply system while regional protection activities will cover multiple systems and communities.

Types of projects that are eligible for funding include those that are associated with source water protection measures. Operations and maintenance of the system and water treatment are not eligible activities. Community involvement and education is a central theme in these grants, and projects will be expected to provide long-term benefits to drinking water quality, quantity, awareness, and/or security.

- **Wastewater Construction Loans**

The Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Fund provides below-market-rate interest loans to help build new or repair existing wastewater treatment facilities. Eligible facilities include treatment plants, interceptor sewers, and collector sewers.

Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for project design and/or construction. Loans also may be awarded to address nonpoint source pollution control activities such as effluent trading, upgrading or replacing individual septic tanks, restoring wetlands, treating and controlling storm water, and dealing with agricultural runoff. These loans must be fully repaid within 20 years of project completion.

- **Wastewater Planning Grants**

DEQ's Wastewater Planning Grant Program provides financial assistance to eligible entities in Idaho planning to upgrade municipal or non-profit wastewater facilities. Grants awarded under this program must be used entirely to prepare facility plans that identify the most cost effective, environmentally sound methods to upgrade eligible wastewater systems to achieve and maintain compliance with state and federal standards. Grants cover up to 50% of eligible planning costs, with the grantee providing a matching share from local sources.

<b>Source: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality</b>		<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>		
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with fiscal year	

**For More Information:**

Water Quality Division  
 DEQ State Office  
 1410 N. Hilton  
 Boise, Idaho 83706  
 Phone: (208) 373-0502  
 Fax: (208) 373-0576

**Name: Western States Fire Manager’s Grant Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

This grant program is the primary source of funding used to conduct hazardous fuels treatments on private lands in Idaho. The Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group (ISFPWG) prioritizes all applications received in Idaho. These applications are then reviewed by a panel of Western States Fire Managers where final funding decisions are made.  
 Eligible Recipients: County Wildland Fire Interagency Groups (or county governments)

<b>Source:</b> Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group (ISFPWG)	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	10 % Minimum Required
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Applications are due in August or September.
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Maximum award amount is \$300,000.
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**For More Information:**

ISFPWG general questions:  
 Suzanne Schedler, Administrative Assistant  
 Idaho Department of Lands  
 3780 Industrial Ave South  
 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
 Phone: (208) 666-8649  
 Fax: (208) 769-1524

Specific questions regarding policies or procedures of the ISFPWG:  
 Craig Glazier, Idaho National Fire Plan Coordinator  
 Idaho Department of Lands/USDA Forest Service  
 Phone:(208) 666-8646

**Name:**

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Communities at Risk (Community Assistance) Program

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Provides financial assistance to local jurisdictions in Idaho for efforts that support fire prevention activities. Funds may be used for planning efforts (including the use of GIS software and support), the hiring of countywide WUI coordinators, and education efforts such as FIREWISE. Funds may also be used to reduce hazardous fuels accumulations on non-federal lands, however, use of funds for this purpose may require environmental clearance. Applications are available through Grants.gov. Please contact your local BLM line officer or fire mitigation specialist for more information.

Eligible Recipients: County Wildland Fire Interagency Groups, county governments, communities, not-for-profit entities	
<b>Source:</b> Bureau of Land Management	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Awards are made throughout the year. However, a large number of awards are made prior to the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30)
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Amounts vary significantly based upon the nature of the award, between a few thousand and several hundred thousand dollars.
<b>For More Information:</b> Jon Skinner, Idaho Fire Mitigation Specialist Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office (208) 373-3854	

<b>Name:</b> U.S. Forest Service/ Idaho Department of Lands (USFS/IDL )Community Fire Protection (formerly "Steven's Funds") and BLM Partnership Funds	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> Provide funding for hazardous fuels treatments on private lands that are adjacent to National Forest (Community Fire Protection) and Bureau of Land Management (Partnership Fund) boundaries. Funds may only be used for hazardous fuels work and not for related activities.  Eligible Recipients: County Wildland Fire Interagency Groups (or county governments)	
<b>Source:</b> USFS/IDL	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Applications are available in early spring and are due in May.
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Awards can be for any amount but average at or below \$50,000.
<b>For More Information:</b> Idaho Department of Lands grant programs: Kurt Naccarato, Hazardous Fuels Treatment Program Manager Idaho Department of Lands (208) 666-8653 <a href="http://www.fireplan.gov">www.fireplan.gov</a>	

**Name: FEMA: Firefighter Assistance Grants**

<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> This competitive grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides direct assistance to fire protection organizations. Funds may be awarded for training safety and equipment, firefighting vehicles, fire prevention equipment, or emergency services. Eligible Recipients: Fire departments at all levels.	
<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	10% non-federal match required.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	On-line applications are accepted in early March until early April. Awards are made throughout the summer and fall.
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Amounts vary significantly based on the nature of the award. The largest awards are usually for firefighting vehicles and digital radio conversions, which may cost upwards of \$1,000,000. In 2008, Idaho's fire protection organizations received more than \$4 million from this program.
<b>For More Information:</b> Fire department personnel who have questions regarding the AFG Grants can reach the Federal Emergency Management's Agency's Grants Programs Directorate (GPD) AFG program staff at 1-866-274-0960 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:firegrants@dhs.gov">firegrants@dhs.gov</a> .  Firefighter Assistance Grants website: <a href="http://www.firegrantsupport.com/">http://www.firegrantsupport.com/</a>	

<b>Name: Rural Fire Assistance (RFA) Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> Eligible Recipients: Rural Fire Departments serving 10,000 people or less that are adjacent to BLM land.  Types of projects or purchases that are acceptable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment</li> <li>• New generation fire shelters/case</li> <li>• Communications equipment</li> <li>• Basic Tools</li> <li>• Basic Wildland Fire Training</li> </ul> Contact BLM for specifics on purchasing guidelines.	
<b>Source:</b> BLM	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	10% in additional wildland equipment or "in kind" services.
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	RFA Pre-Applications are due in the fall.
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Up to \$20,000. Most awards are for \$5,000 or less.
<b>Notes:</b> The US Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and National Park Service also have RFA funds available for rural fire departments with protection areas adjacent to these federal lands. Please contact your local federal representative for information.	
<b>For More Information:</b> BLM Rural Fire Assistance Program (RFA):	

Jon Skinner, Rural Fire Assistance Coordinator  
 Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office  
 (208) 373-3854

**Name: Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Rural firefighting resources are often the first line of defense in meeting expanded protection needs for wildland-urban interface fires. Of the more than 35,000 local fire agencies nationwide, 75% are volunteer. They provide nearly 80% of initial attack on wildland fires in the United States. These departments provide, at no cost, wildfire and emergency protection service to 43% of the population, at an estimated value of \$36 billion per year. The Forest Service has programs to help these crucial volunteers through their State Foresters.

The Volunteer Fire Assistance Program (VFA), formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) Program, can provide Federal financial, technical, and other assistance to State Foresters and other appropriate officials to organize, train and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having 10,000 or less population. This 10,000 population limit for participation in the VFA Program facilitates distribution of available VFA funding to the neediest fire departments.

Eligible Recipients: Rural Fire Departments serving 10,000 people or less.

**Source:** USFS/IDL

**Type:** Financial Assistance

**Cost Sharing:** 10% Hard Match (cash)

**Application Timeframe:** Applications are due at the beginning of May. Applications are prioritized by the Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group in June.

**Amount Available:** Up to \$20,000. Most awards are for \$5,000 or less.

**For More Information:**

Idaho Department of Lands grant programs:  
 Kurt Naccarato, Hazardous Fuels Treatment Program Manager  
 Idaho Department of Lands  
 (208) 666-8653

VFA Program Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/partners/vfa/>

<b>Name: Forest Legacy Program (FLP)</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>	
<p>The Forest Legacy Program (FLP), a Federal program in partnership with States, supports State efforts to protect environmentally sensitive forest lands. Designed to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands, FLP is an entirely voluntary program. To maximize the public benefits it achieves, the program focuses on the acquisition of partial interests in privately owned forest lands. FLP helps the States develop and carry out their forest conservation plans. It encourages and supports acquisition of conservation easements, legally binding agreements transferring a negotiated set of property rights from one party to another, without removing the property from private ownership. Most FLP conservation easements restrict development, require sustainable forestry practices, and protect other values.</p> <p>The Forest Legacy Program complements private, Federal and State programs focusing on conservation in two ways. First, FLP directly supports property acquisition. Additionally, FLP supports efforts to acquire donated conservation easements. FLP funded acquisitions serve public purposes identified by participating states and agreed to by the landowner.</p> <p>Participation in Forest Legacy is limited to private forest landowners. To qualify, landowners are required to prepare a multiple resource management plan as part of the conservation easement acquisition.</p> <p>The USDA Forest Service administers the Forest Legacy Program in cooperation with State partners. The state grant option allows States a greater role in implementing the program. FLP also encourages partnerships with local governments and land trusts, recognizing the important contributions landowners, communities, and private organizations make to conservation efforts.</p> <p>Goals of the program are to protect wildlife, habitat, biodiversity and threatened and endangered species. Also to promote and restore water quality, wetlands, and riparian buffers and encourage recreation.</p>	
<b>Source: USDA/USFS</b>	<b>Type: Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	At least 25% coming from private, State or local sources
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies upon project and fiscal year
<b>For More Information:</b>	
USDA Forest Service 1400 Independence Ave. SW Washington, D.C. 20078-5500 (202) 205-8333	

<b>Name: State Fire Assistance Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b> <p>The State Fire Assistance Program provides financial and technical support directly to the states, to enhance firefighting capacity, support community-based hazard mitigation, and expand outreach and education to homeowners and communities concerning fire prevention. The program requires a 50-50 match by the state. The delivery system is through the State Forester.</p> <p>As a result of the National Fire Plan and the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, the hazardous fuels reduction component is a major part of the State Fire Assistance Program. The hazardous fuels application and selection process is managed by the Western States Fire Managers. The hazardous fuels component, along with most other fuels mitigation funds provided by federal agencies and the state is coordinated through a collaborative inter-agency effort.</p> <p>Some benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complements federal firefighting forces to optimize fire protection across ownerships</li> <li>• Complements hazardous mitigation efforts across ownerships to reduce risk to communities</li> <li>• Enhances local fire protection entities capability and capacity (training, equipment, preparedness, and education)</li> <li>• Engagement of communities and homeowner to be able to recognize interface fire hazards and provide them with opportunities to develop local solutions</li> <li>• Provides a fire protection training link to volunteer fire departments</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for National Forests and Grasslands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate fire prevention, pre-suppression, hazard mitigation and suppression activities with State Foresters and local cooperators</li> <li>• Provide training opportunities for local fire departments and mutually assist each other in wildland suppression activities.</li> <li>• Work locally with communities and cooperators to identify opportunities to work with each other, especially in the wildland urban interface</li> </ul>	
<b>Source: USFS</b>	<b>Type: Technical Assistance Financial Assistance Education/Outreach</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact USFS Representative for details
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Varies with project and fiscal year
<b>For More Information:</b> U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Protection Boise Field Office 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200 Boise, ID 83709  Dayle D. Bennett ,Boise Group Leader Phone: 208-373-4227 Email: ddbennett@fs.fed.us	

<b>Name: Federal Excess Personal Property Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>	
<p>The program is administered by the USDA Forest Service with delivery through the State Forester. The federal excess personal property (FEPP) program re-utilizes excess federal property obtained from military and other federal sources for use in rural and wildland fire fighting. This equipment is loaned by agreement to State Foresters who can sub-loan it to local fire fighting organizations. The benefits of the program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhances state and local fire protection capabilities by providing important equipment at a fraction of the cost of purchasing new or used</li> <li>• Complements the State Fire Assistance Program and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fire protection across ownerships</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for National Forests and Grasslands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Service personnel can assist by identifying excess property that may be used by state and local fire organizations, and by encouraging local fire departments to pursue needed equipment through this program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Source:</b> USFS	<b>Type:</b> Technical Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	Contact USFS Representative for details
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact USFS Representative for details
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Contact USFS Representative for details
<b>For More Information:</b>	
<p>U.S. Forest Service                  Forest Health Protection                  Boise Field Office                  1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200                  Boise, ID 83709</p> <p>Dayle D. Bennett ,Boise Group Leader                  Phone: 208-373-4227                  Email: ddbennett@fs.fed.us</p>	

<b>Name: Forest Stewardship Program</b>
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>
<p>Approximately forty-five percent of all forestland in the United States, or 354 million acres is under nonindustrial private ownership, contributing significantly to America's clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational resources and timber supplies. Authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) provides technical assistance, through State forestry agency partners, to nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) owners to encourage and enable active long-term forest management. A primary focus of the Program is the development of comprehensive, multi-resource management plans that provide landowners with the information they need to manage their</p>

forests for a variety of products and services.

**Landowner Participation**

Participation in the Forest Stewardship program is open to any non-industrial private forest landowners who are committed to the active management and stewardship of their forested properties for at least ten years. The FSP is not a cost share program. Cost-share assistance for plan implementation may be available through other programs such as the Forest Land Enhancement Program. To find out how you can participate in the Forest Stewardship Program offered by your State, please contact your State Forester's office. For a list of State Foresters, click here.

**Rural Forestry Assistance**

The Forest Stewardship Program also assists State forestry agencies with a variety of programs to further support NIPF owner planning and management efforts including tree improvement and seedling production, and landowner education programs. The Rural Forestry Assistance component of the Forest Stewardship Program also provides for tree planting and timber stand improvement projects on non-federal forest land the development of discrete, resource targeted management prescriptions or practice plans for landowners

<b>Source:</b> USFS		<b>Type:</b> <b>Technical Assistance</b> <b>Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None	
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Changes with fiscal year	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with fiscal year	

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<b>Name: Community Forestry Program</b>	
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>	
<p>The Community Forestry Program will provide technology transfer and financial assistance to develop awareness and understanding of the value of sound urban/community forestry management among community citizens and leaders. Assistance is provided to Idaho Communities to establish and enhance sustainable urban and community forestry management programs on public and private lands.</p> <p>The Idaho Department of Lands partners with the nine Resource Conservation and Development Councils to provide technical assistance to communities throughout the State. Cooperative agreements with the RC&amp;D provide for the contracting of three Community Forestry Assistants. These specialists offer timely local assistance to cities and organizations in their respective geographic areas at no charge.</p>	
<b>Source: IDL/RC&amp;D</b>	<b>Type:</b> <b>Technical Assistance</b> <b>Financial Assistance</b> <b>Education/Outreach</b>
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact Representative for more information
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Contact Representative for more information
<b>For More Information:</b>	
<p>Joyce Jowdy                  Phone: 208-666-8622                  Fax: 208-769-1524                  Email: <a href="mailto:jjowdy@idl.idaho.gov">jjowdy@idl.idaho.gov</a></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/community_forestry/home/index.htm">http://www.idl.idaho.gov/bureau/community_forestry/home/index.htm</a></p>	

<b>Name: Rural Housing Programs</b>
<b>Program Description / Activities Funded:</b>
<p>Rural Housing Programs</p> <p>This service is responsible for providing safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very-low-income, low-income, and moderate-income rural families. The Rural Housing Program delivers its services through a wide range of housing programs, including programs supporting single-family homeownership, multi-family rental housing, and farm labor housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 502 Direct Program: Loans for up to 100 percent of the value of the home are made directly to low- and very-low-income persons to purchase a new or existing modest home, using payment assistance subsidy to reduce the homeowners' payments. Some of our government-owned properties are eligible under this program. To see a listing of our current properties, click <a href="#">here</a>. Government-owned Properties For Sale</li> </ul>

- Section 502 Guaranteed Program: The federal government agrees to guarantee a home loan, thus allowing lending institutions to help buyers while incurring little risk.
- Section 504 Loan and Grant Program: Loans are available for very-low-income rural homeowners for repairs. Loans are at 1 percent interest with up to 20 years to repay. Grants are available to owners 62 years of age or older.
- Section 515 Multi-family Housing Program: Subsidized loans are provided to housing authorities, individuals, non-profit or limited-profit corporations, and limited partnerships for the construction and subsequent improvement of multi-family housing in rural communities. The housing units can be rented to very-low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons, including the elderly. To find a location click here.
- Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program: The federal government agrees to guarantee loans made through approved lenders to build or acquire apartments for moderate-income tenants.

<b>Source:</b> USDA		<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None	
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact Housing Program Director	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Contact Housing Program Director	
<b>For More Information:</b> Roni Atkins, Director, Housing Program Director 9173 West Barnes, Ste A1 Boise, ID 83709 Phone: 208-378-5630 E-Mail: roni.atkins@id.usda.gov		

<b>Name: Reimbursement for Firefighting on Federal Property</b>		
Under Section 11 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, reimbursement may be made to fire departments for fighting fire on property owned by the Federal government. Only firefighting costs over and above normal operating costs are reimbursable. Claims are submitted to USFA and are reviewed by the Deputy Administrator to ensure they meet the criteria outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations.		
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Fire Administration		<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	None	
<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Contact U.S. Fire Administration	
<b>Amount Available:</b>	Contact U.S. Fire Administration	
<b>For More Information:</b> Reimbursement is paid to the fire departments by the U.S. Department of Treasury after a claim is		

approved for payment. For more information, please contact the USFA's Tim Ganley at (301) 447-1358.

**U.S. Fire Administration- General Contact Information:**

16825 S. Seton Ave.,  
 Emmitsburg, MD 21727  
 Phone: (301) 447-1000  
 Fax: (301) 447-1346  
 Admissions Fax: (301) 447-1441

**Name: Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

**Program Description / Activities Funded:**

Fire Management Assistance is available to States, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

The Fire Management Assistance declaration process is initiated when a State submits a request for assistance to the FEMA Regional Director at the time a "threat of major disaster" exists. The entire process is accomplished on an expedited basis and a FEMA decision is rendered in a matter of hours.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) provides a 75 percent Federal cost share and the State pays the remaining 25 percent for actual costs.

Before a grant can be awarded, a State must demonstrate that total eligible costs for the declared fire meet or exceed either the individual fire cost threshold - which is applies to single fires, or the cumulative fire cost threshold, which recognizes numerous smaller fires burning throughout a State.

Eligible firefighting costs may include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

<b>Source:</b> FEMA	<b>Type:</b> Financial Assistance
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<b>Cost Sharing:</b>	25%
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<b>Application Timeframe:</b>	Dependant on Declaration
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<b>Amount Available:</b>	Changes with Fiscal Year and disaster
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**For More Information:**

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 Federal Regional Center  
 130 - 228th Street, Southwest  
 Bothell, WA 98021-8627  
 (425) 487-4600

### Other Federal Funding Sources

Other federal programs that provide hazard funding and technical assistance are listed below. The comprehensive list was obtained from the Draft Silver Jackets Interagency Program Guide (June 2010).

- Department of Commerce/Economic Development Authority Construction Grant Program
- Department of Commerce/Economic Development Authority Planning Grants
- Department of Commerce/Economic Development Authority Revolving Loan Fund
- Department of Commerce/Economic Development Authority Technical Assistance Grants
- Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief Program
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 5-H Homeownership Program
- HUD Home Program
- HUD Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing
- HUD/Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Title I Home Repair Loan Program
- HUD/FHA Section 203(h) Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims
- HUD/FHA Section 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Program
- Internal Revenue Service Casualty Loss-Special Disaster Provisions
- NOAA StormReady Program
- USDA Water and Waste Disposal Programs
- USDA/Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Program
- USDA/FSA EM Program (Emergency Loans)
- USDA/FSA Emergency Conservation Program
- USDA/FSA Tree Assistance Program
- USDA/NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- USDA/Rural Business Cooperative Service Business and Industrial Loans
- USDA/Risk Management Agency Federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance
- USDA/Risk Management Agency Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program