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# News from Region 10

## 2017 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing that \$250 million in funding is available through two [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\)](#) grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). These competitive grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

As required in the [Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act \(Stafford Act\)](#), FEMA will provide the remainder of grant funding allocations to states and territories. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. FEMA's highest priority for competitive sub-applications is multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. In addition, FEMA's funding priorities are intended to avoid duplication of programs by providing pre-disaster funding to areas without post-disaster funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and funding mitigation activities that cannot be funded by the FMA grant program.

Beginning June 10, potential applicants can review the specifics of the FY17 FMA and PDM programs in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which includes details such as eligibility, funding guidelines and evaluation criteria. The NOFO for FMA and PDM is available online at

### Ask the Help Desk

The FEMA Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions. Send your questions to [RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com](mailto:RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com).

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and additional information is available at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

FEMA will open the FY17 HMA application period August 14. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal accessible at <https://portal.fema.gov>. All applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Nov. 14.

*Further information on these grant programs is available at <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>.*

## NORFMA News

### Board Position Nominations

NORFMA would like to encourage you to consider nominating or running for one of their open positions. Currently, the positions of Chair, Treasurer, and 2017 State/Provincial Representatives for OR, AK, and BC (Canada), are open. These positions serve a two-year term and are a great way to become more engaged in floodplain management issues.

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**NORFMA** (cont.)

The Board has monthly conference calls and hosts an annual conference. This is a very informal, yet productive group within a very supportive environment, which will give you the opportunity to develop relationships with great people in similar fields.

As Chair, some of the responsibilities of the position include but are not limited to, presiding over all meetings, executing contracts and agreements, and appointing committee chairs and members.

The Treasurer shall have custody and control of the funds of the Association, and will report the state of the finances at each meeting. Duties of the Treasurer include but are not limited to preparing annual financial statements, filing tax information, issuing payments, and maintaining the membership list.

A State/Provincial Representative must be a full member in good standing and cannot serve as an Officer concurrently.

If you have questions, or for a full position description, you can email Hans Hunger, Chair of Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association at [hhunger@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:hhunger@co.pierce.wa.us). If you would like to nominate a person, email vice chair Michelle Gilbert at [michelle.gilbert@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:michelle.gilbert@ecy.wa.gov).

For more information about NORFMA, visit [www.norfma.org](http://www.norfma.org).

**Newsletter Ideas?**

Want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you want to see in future issues!

Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. Email [RXNewsletter@starr-team.com](mailto:RXNewsletter@starr-team.com).

**New Members Forum Event**

The NORFMA New Members Forum (NMF) is a networking group within the Northwest Regional Floodplain Managers Association. The Forum has been established to bridge the gap often experienced between those new to the profession and the available wealth of information and resources necessary for effective floodplain management. It is geared for professionals who, regardless of age or background, would like to learn from those with several years' experience in an informal, social setting. The Forum provides access to information, training, and mentors who can help new members navigate the complex regulations and understand the many roles and disciplines necessary for successful floodplain management. The NORFMA NMF is open to anyone with an interest in floodplain management.

On July 13th the NMF hosted its fourth event at Pyramid Alehouse next to the stadiums in Seattle. The theme of the event was the Lower White River - managing a river where flooding is worsened by significant and ongoing sediment deposition. The event consisted of four presentations, including a general overview of the geomorphology of the White River by Kristin Jaeger of USGS, planning level efforts along the river in Pierce County by Hans Hunger of Pierce County Public Works, the Countyline Levee Setback Project by Chris Brummer of King County, and

hydraulic and sediment modeling along the river in the City of Sumner by Henry Hu of West Consultants. The event was a great success, hosting over thirty people who left satiated from floodplain management content and pizza!

Next up for the NMF will be an evening event during the Annual NORFMA Conference in Seaside, OR September 26-29. Details to come!

For further information on the NMF group, or general questions or comments please contact Jesse Reynolds at [jesse.reynolds@otak.com](mailto:jesse.reynolds@otak.com).

**CRS Recertification Schedule**

This summer/fall, the Community Rating System (CRS) program will be implementing new annual recertification dates for CRS communities which will include a centralized collection and review of recertification submittal documents and Elevation Certificates (ECs). All CRS communities are required to recertify annually, however, the recertification deadline dates will now vary by state. For Alaska and Idaho, the recertification date will be August 1, with recertification packages being distributed by June 15. For Oregon and Washington the recertification date will be October 15, with the recertification packages being distributed by September 1. In addition, communities that have cycled under the 2013 CRS Coordinator's Manual are required to submit a Permit List and all ECs collected for the previous year with their annual recertification.

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**CRS (cont.)**

ISO has 2 new ISO/CRS Resource Specialists, Mr. Keith Harper and Ms. Christina Turpin, coordinating the centralized recertification. Keith will work with communities that recertify on August 1. Christina will work with communities that recertify on October 15.

The CRS Resource Specialists will be processing the ECs collected at cycle verification visits starting January 1, 2018. ISO has developed a work and communication flow for the cycle visit EC review process as they work with communities to meet the required verification threshold of 90% correct. Results of the review

will be sent to the community and the ISO/CRS Specialists. This process allows the community time to correct the ECs by the next verification cycle visit. The 90% threshold must be met only at the cycle verification visit.

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your ISO/CRS Specialist.*

**Online Training**

(All times Pacific)

**NFIP Basics**

August 3, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**Floodplain Development Permit Review**

August 10, 9 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**Inspecting Floodplain Development**

August 10, 10:30 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification**

August 15, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Flood Warning and Response (Activity 610)**

August 16, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**How to Review a "No-Rise" Certification**

August 17, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**Incorporating Climate Adaptation into Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning**

August 25, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Preparing an Annual Recertification**

September 19, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Floodplain Management Planning (Activity 510)**

September 20, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Introduction to CRS**

October 17, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**CRS: Developing a Program for Public Information (PPI)**

October 18, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

**Elevation Certificates**

October 26, 10 am  
Online - 1 CEC

To register for online courses, visit STARR's training site online at [j.mp/starronlinetraining](http://j.mp/starronlinetraining), or email [RXTraining@starr-team.com](mailto:RXTraining@starr-team.com).

