

HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

# Federal Funding Opportunities



## WHO IS HAGERTY?

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Hagerty Consulting, Inc. (Hagerty) is an emergency management consulting firm that helps clients prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

Established in 2001, we have supported the nation's largest and most complex disaster recovery efforts, including 9/11, Katrina, Sandy, Michael, Camp Fire, and COVID-19, among other major disasters.

Hagerty is consistently recognized throughout the industry for its innovative thinking, client-centric service, and the superior results it delivers to every project.

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## EQUITY IN HMA

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs are identified as priority programs under the White House's Justice40 Initiative to advance environmental justice to disadvantaged communities by delivering at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. Hagerty is well-versed in the tools and strategies available to deliver these results.

## What is Hazard Mitigation (HMA)?

Hazard Mitigation is "any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards." Hazard Mitigation Assistance encompasses the three major programs provided by FEMA to address these needs:

### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**

The HMGP program provides funds to implement long-term hazard mitigation planning and projects following a Presidential major disaster declaration.

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

The BRIC program is a nationally competitive program that provides funds on an annual basis for capability- and capacity-building (C&CB) activities and high-impact, climate-adaptive infrastructure projects.

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**

The nationally competitive FMA program is a program that provides funds on an annual basis for planning and projects to reduce or eliminate the risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), principally prioritizing Severe Repetitive Loss and Repetitive Loss Structures.

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## Maximize Funding

Hagerty assists our clients in identifying, developing, and evaluating opportunities for hazard mitigation programs to reduce or eliminate risk from future events. Hagerty has a deep understanding of FEMA's HMA programs and helps our clients secure and maximize funding to support all types of resilience projects.

We leverage federal dollars available through multiple funding streams available through FEMA, HUD, and USDA and encourage a system-based approach to FEMA 406 Mitigation which helps agencies prioritize their limited HMA funding.

## PROJECT TYPES

Our professionals are experts in infrastructure resilience and mitigation, with expertise in a range of hazard and project types.

Projects include, but are not limited to:

 Flood mitigation for critical infrastructure

 Nature-based solutions

 Community-wide wildfire mitigation

 Safe room construction and retrofitting

 Private property acquisitions and structure elevations

 Seismic retrofits of critical facilities

*Hagerty Consulting's fees can be included in the grant's pre-award and management costs, making our services and fees reimbursable through the federal grant.*

## Our Experience

Hagerty has completed HMA sub-applications and managed projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$250 million. Our clients include both sub-applicant level jurisdictions, e.g., cities, special districts, and counties, as well as applicant-level state agencies. In addition to the mitigation project experience, Hagerty has worked with several states and local jurisdictions to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans. Through this planning process, Hagerty supports clients' risk assessments and the development of robust mitigation strategies for implementation.

Eligible Subapplicants:	HMGP:	BRIC:	FMA:
State Agencies	✓	✓	✓
Federally-Recognized Tribes	✓	✓	✓
Local Governments/Communities*	✓	✓	✓
Private Nonprofit Organizations (PNPs)	✓	●	●

\*Local governments/communities may include non-federally recognized tribes, or consistent with the definition of local government at 44 CFR 201.2, may include any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization that is not federally recognized per 25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.

## Hagerty Can Help

Hagerty's Mitigation Team are experts in navigating the pre-and post-disaster funding world. We are available to talk about your needs, including how to access all funding available through federal grant programs and provide support through the planning, technical assistance, and closeout processes.

Ten percent of an applicant's (5 percent for sub-applicants) total project budget can be submitted for **100 percent federally reimbursed management costs**, which can be used for application development. Therefore, our professionals can help at little-to-no additional cost.

## FMA SWIFT CURRENT INITIATIVE

FMA Swift Current is a limited program that allocates funds to Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania who all received major disaster declarations from Hurricane Ida and have the highest SRL/RL of NFIP-insured properties with the highest total claims within their FEMA regions.

The \$60 million in Swift Current funding is estimated to be distributed as follows:

- **Louisiana:** \$40 million
- **Mississippi:** \$5 million
- **New Jersey:** \$10 million
- **Pennsylvania:** \$5 million

### Application Submission Deadline:

Oct. 3, 2022, at 12 pm EST

FMA Swift Current Eligible Project Types:

- Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition/Relocation
- Structure Elevation
- Dry Floodproofing of Historical Residential Structures or Non-Residential Structures
- Non-Structural Retrofitting of Existing Building and Facilities
- Mitigation Reconstruction
- Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings

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## FEDERAL INFUSIONS TO FMA FUNDING

The recently signed [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(2021\)](#) (IIJA) appropriated \$3.5 billion to the National Flood Insurance Fund for the FMA program. This breaks down to \$700 million over the next five years, starting in fiscal year 2022.

### FMA Eligible Project Types:

- Localized from control
- Flood water storage and diversion
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Stormwater management
- Wetland restoration/creation

FEMA will also fund individual flood mitigation projects that directly benefit and include Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Loss (RL) properties and up to \$4 million nationally for project scoping (previously Advance Assistance) to develop community flood mitigation projects.

### FMA Eligible Project Scoping Activities:

- Conducting meetings, outreach, and coordination with sub-applicants and community residents
- Developing or conducting engineering, environmental feasibility, and/or benefit-cost analyses
- Undertaking activities that lead to the development of project applications
- Evaluating facilities to identify mitigation actions
- Using staff or resources to develop cost-share strategies

### Federal Cost-Share

FMA projects are funded at 75 percent federal/ 25 percent non-federal for eligible project activity costs except for:

- Projects with SRL properties qualify for 100 percent federal cost-share
- Projects with RL properties have a 90 percent federal/ 10 percent non-federal cost-share



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