



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire



FEMA places a high priority on supporting wildfire recovery using the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire (HMGP-Post Fire) for Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations issued on or after October 5, 2018.

### Who can apply?

States, territories, and tribes in an area affected by a fire for which assistance was provided under a FMAG for declarations issued on or after October 5, 2018 can apply. Declarations can be accessed at [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters) by selecting Fire Management Assistance as the declaration type. Applicants must have a FEMA-approved mitigation plan to receive HMGP funding.

### When is the application period?

FEMA will send a formal funding notification letter to eligible Applicants outlining the dates of the application period. The application period opens with the Applicant's first FMAG declaration of the fiscal year and closes at 11:59 PM on the last day of the sixth month of the next fiscal year. Application extensions may be requested.



### What project types are eligible and where?

As part of the focus on hazard mitigation and resilience, FEMA encourages the mitigation of wildfire and related hazards. Eligible project types may include defensible space measures, ignition-resistant construction, hazardous fuels reduction, erosion control measures, slope failure prevention measures, and flash flooding measures.

Funding will first be made available to the county or counties that received an FMAG declaration. Funding will first be prioritized in the declared or burned area(s). A project may be outside of this area as long as the risk reduction benefits the declared county or counties (e.g., watershed mitigation). If funding cannot be used in the affected area, then it may be available statewide regardless of whether it benefits a declared county. However, if the funding is being used outside of the declared area, the application must explain why it is not being used in the declared area.

Federally-recognized tribes with land burned in FMAG declarations may choose to apply to FEMA for HMGP assistance as an Applicant once a State or territory receives an FMAG declaration. Tribes (including Federally-recognized tribes) may also apply through States as subapplicants. If tribal land is not burned, subapplicant funding may be unavailable because it is prioritized for declared areas.

Applicants must detail their respective management process, including deadlines, in their HMGP Administrative Plan.



### What guidance is available?

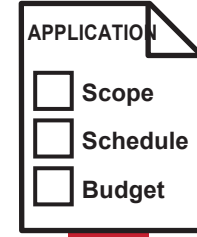
The applicable guidance is the *Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance* (HMA Guidance), published in February 2015. It can be accessed at: [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279).

Examples of wildfire mitigation projects are detailed in the HMA Guidance Addendum.

**\*\*Note\*\*** An FMAG declaration rather than a Presidential major disaster declaration activates HMGP Post Fire assistance.



Applicant receives funding notification from FEMA



Completed application due to FEMA within 6 months after the end of the next FY



### How is funding calculated?

The funding amount available will be provided by FEMA, and is a national aggregate calculation based on an average of historical FMAG declarations from the last 10 years. This amount will be recalculated at the beginning of every fiscal year. The total HMGP funding available for each FMAG declaration is currently \$454,432 for Applicants with a standard hazard mitigation plan, and \$605,909 for Applicants with an enhanced hazard mitigation plan.

Funding from multiple events will be aggregated into one grant under the first declaration. This will support larger projects, streamlined grants management, and expedited closeout. Aggregation will reset at the beginning of each fiscal year and will remain in effect for that year.

**Examples of Aggregation:**

	Declarations:	HMGP Grants:
Standard HM Plan:	\$454K + \$454K + \$454K	\$1.3M
Enhanced HM Plan:	\$606K + \$606K + \$606K	\$1.8M



### Are management costs available?

Recipients will be eligible for 10 percent of the award amount for management costs. Subrecipients will be eligible for 5 percent of the award amount for management costs. FEMA will provide one estimate of the management costs available under each HMGP-Post Fire award, which will be included in the formal funding notification.

See FEMA Policy #104-11-1, *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Management Costs (Interim)*, dated November 14, 2018.



### How will Grantees share funding?

Federally-recognized tribes with burned land from the FMAG declared event may apply to FEMA as Applicants once a State or territory receives an FMAG declaration. The Tribal and State Recipients will share the funding.

Funding will be apportioned based on each recipients burned acreage. The apportionment will be calculated based on the amount of each Recipient's burned acreage as a percentage of the allotment to which they are entitled under the FMAG. FEMA Regional Administrators will have final authority on apportionment determinations.

### Where can I go for further guidance?

- HMGP Post Fire: [www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire)
- FEMA HMA: [www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance)
- FEMA Mitigation Planning Program: [www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning](http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-planning)

*Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards:*

[www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/30627](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/30627)

State Hazard Mitigation Officers (SHMOs):

[www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers](http://www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers)