

Ohio EMA recently announced the availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds statewide as the result of the recent Presidential Disaster Declaration. Floodplain administrators are encouraged to apply for mitigation projects that reduce your communities flood risk. The excerpt from the announcement, and attached documents contain information on HMGP Briefings in declared counties and additional information on HMGP.

The President declared a Major Disaster (FEMA-4077-DR) for the State of Ohio for severe storms and straight line winds that occurred June 29 to July 2, 2012. As a result of the declaration, **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are available statewide** for eligible sub-applicants to apply for projects that reduce risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The deadline to submit HMGP pre-applications to the Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch is November 2, 2012. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet in December to prioritize pre-applications. The highest ranking pre-applications will be asked to develop full HMGP applications. A blank HMGP pre-application is attached.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program briefings will be conducted for counties in the declared area. A copy of the HMGP briefing schedule is attached. Any interested sub-applicant is welcome to attend any of the scheduled briefings. The attached HMGP Briefing information sheet describes the information that will be covered at the briefing. Please do not invite residents to this meeting.

Any sub-applicants that cannot attend one of the 16 possible briefing meetings are encouraged to participate in a "live meeting" version of the HMGP briefing. The "live meeting" HMGP briefing will be held on October 10, 2012 at 10:00. An email will follow with the live meeting details.

All county EMA directors have received this email and are aware of this announcement.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Steve Ferryman at 614-799-3539.