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To: Eligible applicants, Regional Councils, and Project Management Firms

From: Justin Messner,

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RE: Grant Availability – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

The ND Department of Emergency Services (NDDES) has been notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing $395 million in funding available through two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). These two grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation’s ability to reduce the potential cost of natural disasters to communities and their citizens, as well as protecting life and property from future disaster damages. Eligible applicants can begin the application process through NDDES to obtain a 75% federal cost share grant for eligible projects and activities.

Eligible applicants include state, local, tribal, and territorial governments that currently have, or have participated in the creation of, a FEMA approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). If a governmental unit does not have a current FEMA approved MHMP, they can apply to create or update a MHMP, but are ineligible to apply for any other eligible activities. State Agencies fall under the State of North Dakota MHMP and are eligible to apply for funding as well.

Eligible grant activities include: Property Acquisition/Demolition, Property Acquisition/Relocation, Structure Elevation, Mitigation Reconstruction, Dry Floodproofing, Critical Facility Generators, Flood Risk Reduction Projects, Structural and Non-Structural Retrofitting, Safe Room Construction, Infrastructure Retrofitting, Soil Stabilization, Wildfire Mitigation, Utility Protection, and MHMP creation/updating. Based on previous grant awards and subapplicant interest, NDDES would like to focus on projects dealing with Storm Shelters, Infrastructure Retrofitting, and MHMP creation/updating whenever possible, but all project types listed above can be applied for through NDDES.

NDDES looks forward to working with applicants that apply for federal funding under the PDM or FMA programs, and is available to provide technical assistance as needed. Applications are due no later than December 14, 2018. If you are interested in applying for any PDM activities, please contact Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief, at 701-328-8107 or Todd Joersz, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at 701-328-8261 or tjoersz@nd.gov. They will be able to assist applicants in; obtaining access to the grants.des.nd.gov and Mitigation eGrants system websites, creating a Notice of Interest ( NOI), completing the grant application, and answering any general programmatic questions.