

Hazard Mitigation Funding Opportunities for ESDs and Fire Departments

*An Overview of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and
How to Access Funds to Decrease or Eliminate Local Risk*



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Today's Purpose

- ✓ Opportunities are available to ESD's and Fire Departments in Texas
- ✓ Activities Covered Under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program
- ✓ Eligibility & Cost Share
- ✓ Managing the Grant
- ✓ Things to Know Before Applying
- ✓ TDEM's Role in Assisting You in Attaining Funding



Opportunities are available to ESD's and Fire Departments in Texas

- ✓ FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- ✓ FEMA's Building Resilient Communities and Infrastructure (BRIC) Program
- ✓ Texas General Land Office, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Assistance Program
- ✓ Texas Water Development Board (loans & grants)



Activities Covered Under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program

Wildfire Mitigation

- ✓ Defensible space
- ✓ Reducing hazardous fuels/standing burned trees
- ✓ Ignition-resistant construction
- ✓ Installing warning signs

Infrastructure Retrofit

- ✓ Strengthen or harden water systems that were burned and caused contamination

Soil and Slope Stabilization

- ✓ Reseeding ground cover
- ✓ Planting grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds
- ✓ Mulching with straw or chipped wood
- ✓ Placing logs/other erosion barriers to catch sediment on slopes
- ✓ Installing debris traps to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms

Post-Wildfire Flood Prevention and Sediment

- ✓ Modifying or removing culverts
- ✓ Adding drainage dips and construction emergency spillways
- ✓ Constructing straw, rock, or log dams in small tributaries to prevent flooding.

**This list is focused on wildfire related activities only.*



Eligibility and Cost Share

- ✓ Eligible Entity
- ✓ Approved FEMA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (or State Plan if State Agency)
- ✓ FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
- ✓ Generally, a 75%/25% Cost Share
- ✓ Posted “Notice of Funding Opportunity” on TDEM’s Webpage
- ✓ Apply in TDEM Grants Management System (GMS) or BRIC [Check NOFO]



Managing the Grant

- ✓ Scope of Work and Deliverables
- ✓ Budget and Timeline
- ✓ Reimbursement Grant
- ✓ Quarterly Reports
- ✓ Competitive Procurement
- ✓ Cost Generally Increase
- ✓ Coordination with TDEM



Things to Know Before Applying

- ✓ The FEMA Program Takes Time
- ✓ Best Use of Funds is to Offset Current Planned Activity
- ✓ In-Kind Contributions Can Reduce Match Requirement
- ✓ Collaborate – Regional, Watershed, Multi-Jurisdictional
- ✓ Consider Subcontracts or Being a Subcontractor as an ESD
- ✓ Start Early, Apply Often
- ✓ Consider Leveraging of Funds



TDEM's Role in Assisting You in Attaining Funding

- ✓ Regional Staff are the Entry Point
- ✓ Dedicated Regional Hazard Mitigation Professionals
- ✓ Examples of Projects Completed
- ✓ Assist with FEMA Inquiries
- ✓ Identification of Projects and Leveraging Opportunities
- ✓ Bringing People Together
- ✓ Coordinating, Collaborating, Communicating, and Continuity



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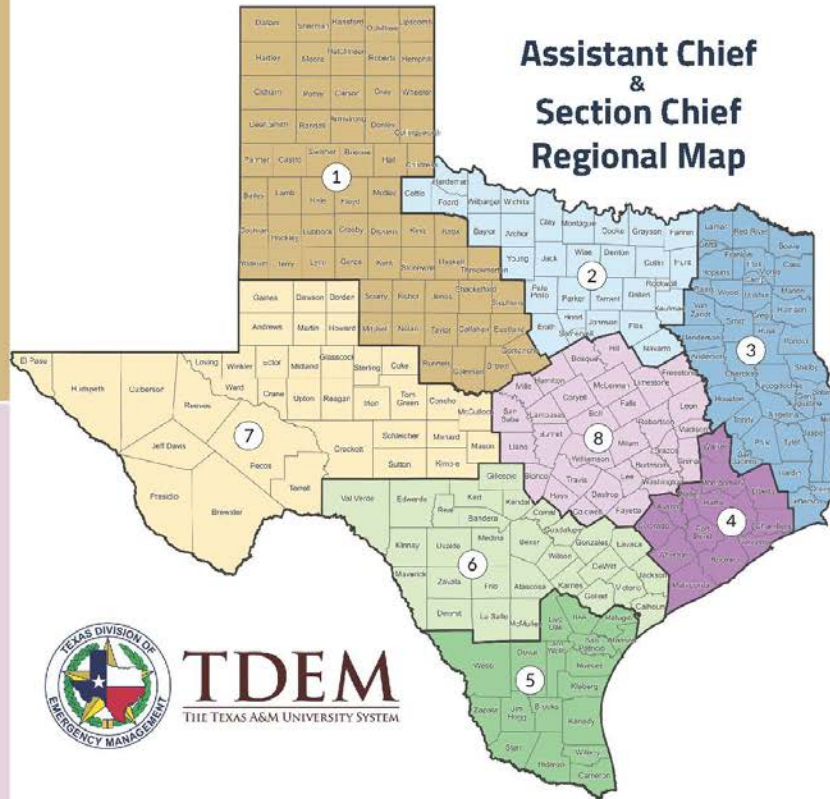
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