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July 30, 2013

The Honorable Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

### Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a VI, the Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, requests authorization to accept and expend Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$532,223.00 for the implementation of cost effective mitigation projects. Effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approvals through June 30, 2015. Funding Source: 100% Federal Funds.

Funding is available in the SFY 2014 operating budget as follows:

02-23-23-236010-29210000

Dept. of Safety HSEM

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

	Current Appropriation	Requested Action	Revised SFY 2014 Adjusted Authorized
000-408121 Federal Funds	\$ (0.00)	\$ (532,223.00)	\$ (532,223.00)
018-500106 Overtime	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
020-500200 Current Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 618.00
030-500311 Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
040-500800 Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,274.00	\$ 2,274.00
041-500801 Audit Fund Set Aside	\$ 0.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 533.00
060-500601 Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 795.00	\$ 795.00
070-500705 In-State Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
072-500574 Grants - Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 507,411.00	\$ 507,411.00
080-500710 Out-of-State Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 714.00	\$ 714.00
246-500792 Grantee Administrative Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,378.00	\$ 13,378.00
<b>Total Appropriation:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 532,223.00</b>	<b>\$ 532,223.00</b>

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### Explanation

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to states and communities (sub-grantees) for cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program. FEMA provides HMGP funds to states following presidentially declared disasters where the FEMA Public Assistance Program is employed that, in turn, provide sub-grants or contracts for a variety of mitigation activities, such as planning and the implementation of projects identified through the evaluation of natural hazards. The cost share is 75% Federal funds and a 25% applicant soft-match. The sub-grantee will provide and document the program match requirements. The management costs associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are 100% federal funds and do not require a matching percentage.

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
018	Overtime	Provides funding for full-time staff working extra hours to manage the HMA programs.
020	Current Expense	Allows for purchasing supplies needed to manage the HMA programs.
030	Equipment	Allows for purchasing equipment needed for project management.
040	Indirect Cost	Represents the associated amount for this request.
041	Audit Fund Set Aside	Represents the associated amount for this request.
060	Benefits	Provides funding associated with Class Code 018.
070	In-State Travel	Provides funding for travel to manage the HMA programs statewide.
072	Grants	Provides funding for grants to sub-grantees.
080	Out-of-State Travel	Provides funding for travel to workshops associated with managing the HMA programs.
246	Grantee Admin Costs	Provides funding for Grantee administrative costs.

At the time the State of New Hampshire FY 2014 – 2015 budget was being developed, it was not anticipated that the State would receive this level of funding.

The State of New Hampshire solicits applications statewide. Notification of the availability of HMGP funds is made to every community by e-mail and by letters sent to the chief elected official of each community. The State of New Hampshire submits all applications received for program funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their final approval. Applications that are determined to be cost effective and program eligible are then funded by FEMA up to 75%; not every application submitted is determined to be program eligible. However, all applications that are determined to be eligible are funded at the requested dollar amount listed in their application, pending availability of adequate program funding.

There are no General funds required with this request. In the event that Federal funds are no longer available, General funds and/or Highway funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John J. Barthelmes  
Commissioner of Safety



**FEMA**

February 7, 2013

Perry Plummer, Acting Director  
NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: 12-Month Final Lock-In  
FEMA-4049-DR-NH  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Dear Director Plummer:

Under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, as amended, 75% Federal funding is authorized for hazard mitigation measures. As a condition of receiving Federal disaster assistance, measures must be cost-effective, environmentally acceptable and be consistent with the strategies and recommendations identified in your State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Funding for mitigation projects under the HMGP is based on 15% of the estimated aggregate amount of grants made under the Stafford Act. The 12-month final lock-in of \$507,411 in Federal funding is available for the HMGP under FEMA-4049-DR-NH. A breakdown of funding is listed below:

5% PROJECTS	\$ 25,371
7% PROJECTS	\$ 35,519
REGULAR PROJECTS	\$ 446,521
12-MONTH LOCK-IN	\$ 507,411
STATE MANAGEMENT COST PROJECTS	\$ 24,812

This calculation is based on the 12-month estimate as reported by the authorized disaster assistance programs. This is the final 12-month lock-in for FEMA-4049-DR-NH. Final applications or amendments for new mitigation projects must have been submitted to the FEMA Region I Hazard Mitigation Division by **December 5, 2012**. Please forward a SF-424 to cover the funding request. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Savramis".

Dean J. Savramis  
Director, Mitigation Division  
FEMA Region I

Cc: Beth Peck, Acting SHMO, NH HSEM

# TITLE I THE STATE AND ITS GOVERNMENT

## CHAPTER 14 LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND PROCEEDINGS

### Legislative Budget Assistant

#### Section 14:30-a

##### 14:30-a Fiscal Committee. –

I. There is hereby established a fiscal committee of the general court. Said committee shall consist of 10 members. Five shall be members of the house as follows: the chairperson of the finance committee and 2 other members of the committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other house members appointed by the speaker of the house. Five members shall be members of the senate as follows: the chairperson of the finance committee and 2 other members of that committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other senators appointed by the senate president. The chairperson of the house finance committee shall be the chairperson of the fiscal committee.

II. The committee shall, while the general court is in session and during the interim, consult with, assist, advise, and supervise the work of the legislative budget assistant, and may at its discretion investigate and consider any matter relative to the appropriations, expenditures, finances, revenues or any of the fiscal matters of the state. The members shall be paid the regular legislative mileage during the interim while engaged in their work as members of the committee.

III. The fiscal committee shall consider recommendations proposed to it by the legislative performance audit and oversight committee established under RSA 17-N:1. The fiscal committee shall adopt all recommendations proposed to it as provided in RSA 17-N:1, III by the performance audit and oversight committee unless the fiscal committee refuses by unanimous vote to adopt such recommendations.

IV. [Repealed.]

V. [Repealed.]

VI. Any non-state funds in excess of \$100,000, whether public or private, including refunds of expenditures, federal aid, local funds, gifts, bequests, grants, and funds from any other non-state source, which under state law require the approval of governor and council for acceptance and expenditure, may be accepted and expended by the proper persons or agencies in the state government only with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

Source. 1965, 239:19. 1987, 416:7. 1989, 396:13; 408:2. 1991, 346:18, I. 1995, 9:8. 2005, 177:11. 2006, 290:21, eff. June 15, 2006. 2012, 247:10, eff. Aug. 17, 2012.