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The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is pleased to announce the 2010 application cycle for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) program grants. These grant opportunities include the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs. These programs provide financial assistance to local governments for projects to prevent or reduce losses from floods, wildfires, and earthquakes. All of Idaho's communities have some degree of risk from flooding, wildfire or earthquakes. I encourage you and/or your staff to attend one of the briefings to learn how these programs can be accessed to provide you with the funds to make your community safer and more sustainable.

These programs provide federal funding on a 75/25 cost share basis to support mitigation projects that reduce or eliminate future potential losses from natural hazards. Typical types of eligible projects include but are not limited to:

**Flood Projects:**

- Stormwater management projects
- Localized flood reduction projects
- Protective measures for infrastructure (utilities, transportation, critical facilities)
- Acquisition and relocation of structures to areas outside flood hazard areas
- Acquisition and demolition to return flood prone areas into open space

**Wildfire Projects:**

- Creation of defensible space around structures and facilities
- Hazardous fuels reduction in the Wildland Urban Interface
- Structural protection through retrofitting structures with ignition-resistant building materials
- Structure specific wildfire sprinkler systems and dedicated cisterns

**Earthquake Projects:**

- Protective measures for infrastructure (utilities, transportation, critical facilities)
- Structural retrofits
- Non-structural retrofits

**Planning:**

- Development of new all-hazard mitigation plans for local governments, tribal governments and universities
- Updates to existing all-hazard mitigation plans.

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security will be conducting regional applicant briefings to provide additional information and tips for developing applications. The briefings will provide specific details regarding the application, review, and award process for each program. The application requirements will be reviewed in detail, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss potential projects with the Hazard Mitigation Program staff.

The following list provides specific details regarding the date, time and location for each scheduled regional applicant briefing.

<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Twin Falls, ID	Red Lion Hotel 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
<b>Tuesday, June 23, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Lewiston, ID	City of Lewiston Training Center 2419 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
<b>Wednesday, June 24, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Rigby, ID	Idaho Transportation Department Region 6 206 N. Yellowstone
<b>Thursday, June 25, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Challis, ID	Challis Fire Department Across the street from the County Courthouse on 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Friday, June 26, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Pocatello, ID	Pocatello City Hall 911 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
<b>Tuesday, June 30, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Idaho Transportation Department Region 1 EOC Conference Room 600 W. Prairie
<b>Tuesday, July 7, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Nampa, ID	Nampa Civic Center 311 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.

Please share this information with your department heads and facilities staff. These grants provide an opportunity to secure federal funding to protect your community and infrastructure from future losses associated with natural hazards. In some cases, flood mitigation projects may reduce flood insurance rates for your citizens. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Jackson, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at 208-422-3047 or [djackson@bhs.idaho.gov](mailto:djackson@bhs.idaho.gov).

Respectfully,



Bill Shawver, Colonel  
Director Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security