

Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

- State's assessment of the extent to which communities meet the relevant criteria under section 203(g) of the Stafford Act.

#### Eligible Activities

44 CFR part 201, Hazard Mitigation Planning, establishes new criteria for State and local hazard mitigation planning, pursuant to section 322 of the Stafford Act, which will require local governments and Indian tribal governments applying for PDM funds through the States to have an approved local mitigation plan prior to the approval of mitigation project grants after November 1, 2003. Therefore, we encourage States to focus their FY 2002 PDM funding on the development of State and local multi-hazard mitigation plans in order to meet this future requirement. This may include developing countywide or multi-jurisdictional plans (must be adopted by all jurisdictions included), since many issues are better resolved by evaluating hazards in a more comprehensive fashion. Eligible activities under this grant are:

- *Management costs.* Grantees may use up to \$50,000 of their PDM funds to assist in soliciting and reviewing PDM applications and for providing technical assistance to sub-applicants.

- *Information dissemination.* Up to 10 percent of the funds awarded to States may be used to disseminate information regarding cost-effective mitigation technologies, such as marketing, outreach, training and education.

- *Planning.* PDM funds may be used to develop State, tribal, and local multi-hazard (to include man-made) mitigation plans which meet the planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR part 201.

- *Technical assistance.* Sub-grantee activities to support the development of comprehensive project applications are eligible.

- *Mitigation projects.* A mitigation project is any action that results in elimination or long-term reduction of damages to public or private property from natural hazards, and may include property acquisition or relocation, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(e) and related guidance; structural and non-structural retrofitting; minor structural hazard control or protection projects; and, localized flood control projects. Mitigation projects must also meet the following general criteria:

- (1) Be in conformance with an existing FEMA-approved State hazard mitigation plan;

- (2) Be in conformance with 44 CFR part 9, Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, and 44 CFR part 10, consistent with 44 CFR part 206, subpart N, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, section 434(b)(3);

- (3) Solve a problem independently or constitute a functional portion of a solution where there is assurance that the project as a whole will be completed, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(c)(4);

- (4) Be cost-effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering resulting from a major disaster, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(c)(5) and related guidance;

- (5) Not duplicate the assistance that another Federal agency or program has the primary authority to provide, consistent with 44 CFR 206.434(g);

- (6) Be located physically in a participating NFIP community that is not on probation or suspended (if the community has been mapped through the NFIP); and,

- (7) Meet the requirements of applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

#### Reporting Requirements

The States are required to submit quarterly financial and performance reports 30 days after the end of each quarter, per 44 CFR 13.40 and 41. Reporting dates are: January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30. The performance reports will provide a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives approved for the period. Where the output of the project can be quantified, that information shall be provided. The States must also report the progress of each sub-grantee award in their quarterly reports. In addition, final financial and performance reports are required 90 after the close of the grant, per 44 CFR 13.50.

Dated: March 5, 2002.

**Robert F. Shea,**

*Deputy Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration.*

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#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

##### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2002.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:** Michelle A. Smith, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-2955.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration on Aging

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Certification of Maintenance of Effort Form Title III of the Older Americans Act, Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to certification of maintenance of effort form Title III of the Older Americans Act, Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging.