

Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund Program Grant Application Form

This form is for entities that want to apply to the Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF) program. Eligible entities must complete all fields and provide required attachments.

Application Requirements

Any state in the U.S., including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and federally recognized tribes that have received a major disaster declaration can apply for Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program capitalization grants.

All applications must be received as a document uploaded through FEMA’s Non-Disaster Grants System (ND Grants) by the deadline. ND Grants System is a FEMA system that supports the program management lifecycle by allowing users to perform and manage application submission.

Application Submission Deadline: April 30, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET

FEMA will not review applications that arrive after the deadline or consider these late submissions for funding. However, FEMA may extend the application deadline upon request from any applicant who can demonstrate a valid reason justifying an extension. For additional information on application extensions, see the subsection “Timely Receipt Requirements and Proof of Timely Submission” in Section D of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

For assistance using the ND Grants System, please contact the ND Grants Service Desk at (800) 865-4076 or NDGrants@fema.dhs.gov. For programmatic or grants management questions, please contact FEMA-STORMRLF@fema.dhs.gov.

To be considered a complete application, all the fields in this form must be complete and the required documents listed below must be submitted:

- Intended Use Plan (IUP) -- The applicant must attach the Intended Use Plan that identifies the intended uses of the entity loan fund and the capitalization grant.
- Project Proposal List – The applicant must attach a list of local government hazard mitigation project proposals (Excel format preferred)



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- Public Notice Documentation – The applicant must provide proof that they met the required six (6) week minimum public notice period asking for hazard mitigation project proposals from local governments before submitting this application.
- Public Comment Documentation – The applicant must show proof that they provided the public with a comment period to review the Intended Use Plan before submitting this application.
- Program Priorities – The applicant needs to explain how the entity loan fund will address the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund program’s priorities (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[d][3]). This information will support FEMA in deciding capitalization grant awards.

Applicant Information

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1. Name of Applicant/Entity	
2. Type of Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Tribal Government <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Government
3. Federal Employer Identification Number	
4. DUNS Number	
5. UEI Number	

Hazard Mitigation Plan Information

The Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program does not need to be specifically addressed in the entity’s Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of grant application. FEMA recommends that future State or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans updates include information that meets the requirements in this application. This involves thoroughly evaluating recurring vulnerabilities during major disasters and figuring out how HMA Programs, including the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program, can be used to build resilience. FEMA recommends tying these assessments to vulnerable areas, critical infrastructure, and critical economic sectors within the entity’s area (refer to 42 U.S.C. § 5135[b][1][C]).

Hazard Mitigation Plan Information

6. Does the Entity have a FEMA-approved State/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. Plan Name	
b. Please provide a link to your current approved State/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan.	

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7. Does the current approved State or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan contain a detailed assessment of recurring major disaster vulnerabilities impacting the Entity that demonstrates a risk to life and property (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135 [b][1][B])?

Yes
 No

a. If “Yes,” please provide the chapter, section, and page number where this assessment is provided within the currently adopted plan.

b. If “No,” provide a detailed assessment of recurring major disaster vulnerabilities impacting the Entity that demonstrates a risk to life and property.

8. Please describe any major vulnerability gaps in the current approved State or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan, including any ways in which the plan does not consider the vulnerabilities described under Question 11 (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[b][1][C]).

Entity Loan Fund Use Information**Entity Loan Fund Use Information**

9. Will the Entity be prepared to deposit not less than 10% of the proposed grant into the Entity Loan Fund on or before the date of receiving the capitalization grant award (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[c][4][A])?

Yes
 No

10. Does the Intended Use Plan include a description of how the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program will be leveraged in a systematic and regional approach to achieve resilience, which may include impacts to river basins, river corridors, watersheds, estuaries, bays, coastal regions, micro-basins, micro-watersheds, ecosystems, and areas at risk of earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, severe storms, and wildfires, including the wildland-urban interface (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135(b)(1)(E))?

Yes
 No

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<p>a. If No, please provide the location in the Hazard Mitigation Plan that will state how the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program will be leveraged in a systematic and regional approach to achieve resilience in future updates.</p>	
<p>11. Please provide a description of how the projects in the project proposal list could conform with the entity and local hazard mitigation plans (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[b][1][D]).</p>	

Public Notice and Comment Information*Public Notice and Comment Information*

<p>12. Has the Entity completed the mandatory public notice of no less than six (6) weeks in length prior to the submission of this application inviting hazard mitigation project proposals from local governments (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[b][1][A])? Attachment: Please attach a copy of the Public Notice or Publishers Affidavit with the source of the publication and date clearly visible.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>13. Has the Entity provided the opportunity for public comment and review of the Intended Use Plan prior to the submission of this Application (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[g][1])? Attachment: Please attach a copy of the appropriate documentation with the source and method of the public comment opportunity and date clearly visible.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Program Priorities

The following information is used to determine funding based on how well applicants address statute priorities specified in 42 U.S.C. § 5135(f)(3). Please consult Section E.2. of the NOFO for more details regarding the methodology. The Intended Use Plan should include a thorough explanation that incorporates the approach, examples, and supporting data. For each priority, please identify the location in the Intended Use Plan that explains how the program priority is met.

Program Priorities Information

<p>14. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects increasing resilience and reducing risk of harm to natural and built infrastructure (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[d][3][A]).</p>	
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15. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects that involve partnerships between two or more eligible entities to carry out a project or similar projects (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[d][3][B]). Additionally, please incorporate information on any partnerships between proposed loan recipients.

16. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects that take into account regional impacts of hazards on river basins, river corridors, micro-watersheds, macro-watersheds, estuaries, lakes, bays, and coastal regions and areas at risk of earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, severe storms, and wildfires, including the wildland-urban interface (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[d][3][C]).

17. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects for the resilience of major economic sectors or critical national infrastructure, including ports, global commodity supply chain assets (located within an entity or within the jurisdiction of local governments, and tribal governments), power, and water production and distribution centers, and bridges and waterways essential to interstate commerce (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135[d][3][D]).