

Kathleen Ramsay

From: Smith, Stephanie A <Stephanie.A.Smith@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Kathleen Ramsay
Cc: Jennifer Murray
Subject: RE: Grant Opportunity for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

Hi Kathleen,

Thank you for reaching out, glad to hear you're potentially interested. As far as the timeline, once I've heard back from towns that are interested, I will be developing an application which has a state deadline of January 4, 2019. All applications will then be reviewed prior to submitting to FEMA by January 31, 2019. From there, the application will be in federal review for several months and then under review at FEMA Region I in Boston for several months as well, so it's likely we will not see an award until late summer/early fall of 2019.

Since the Middlebury plan expires in early 2021, this should give you plenty of time to update your plan in 2020 as it typically takes about a year to get a plan through to approval. The Period of Performance for this round of funding will end in January of 2022.

As far as budgeting, you can count in-kind match towards your 25% required match as well, so you can count staff time developing the RFP and hiring the consultant, at any meetings with a volunteer committee you can add up the volunteer time, etc. Anything you are not able to cover with in-kind match would need to be covered financially. Once the plan is awarded, I will be sending out forms you can use to help you track your match.

Please reach out with any additional questions!

Best,

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From: Kathleen Ramsay <KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org>
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Subject: RE: Grant Opportunity for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

Stephanie,

We are very interested in this program and it seems like a great opportunity to receive funding for an update to our plan.

What is the turnaround time on the grants? When are the awards announced? What is the performance period (i.e. is there a deadline for completion of the project)?

This information will be helpful as I prepare for the discussion by the Selectboard next Tuesday night and for budgeting purposes.

Thanks,
Kathleen

From: Smith, Stephanie A [<mailto:Stephanie.A.Smith@vermont.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Kathleen Ramsay <KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org>
Subject: RE: Grant Opportunity for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

Kathleen,

As a reminder, I'm developing a grant application for towns to update their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and trying to see which communities are interested in participating. You can see a bit more information below, but if you're interested in participating I will need the signed 25% match certification form (attached) **returned to me by Friday, November 16**. From there, I will be developing the application and keeping you posted on next steps.

Please reach out with any questions.

Best,

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From: Smith, Stephanie A
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:42 AM
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Subject: Grant Opportunity for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development

Kathleen,

The State is in the process of developing a grant application for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) development under FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation program.

Middlebury's current LHMP is going to expire on 2/3/21.

Having an approved LHMP is important because it allows you to apply for other FEMA mitigation grant opportunities. If you have met a couple of other requirements, you will also be eligible for an increased State share when applying for FEMA public assistance funding following a disaster through the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund.

The application we are putting together would allow the state to sub-grant with towns and the town would be able to contract out the work of updating their LHMP. FEMA funding will cover 75% of the plan update costs. Total cost could likely range from \$6,000 to \$14,000 depending on the contractor that is selected by the town. The town would be on the

hook for the remaining 25% of costs (likely from \$1500 to \$3500), though it is possible to work out in-kind match if the town is taking on some of the update steps on their own.

If you are interesting in participating in this grant, and if the town is able to pay the 25% match, **please let me know by Friday, November 16** at the latest by filling out the attached 25% match certification form.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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