

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**To:** Kathleen Ramsay  
**Subject:** Grant Opportunity for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Development  
**Attachments:** 25% Match Commitment Letter.docx

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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