FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT

Spromberg Fire, Chelan County, WA May 23, 2017
WHAT CAN FMAG DO FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON?

- Reimbursement of actual eligible costs
  - State Agencies
  - Tribal Governments
  - Local Jurisdictions
    - Fire
    - Sheriff
    - County/Local Emergency Management
    - Public Works

Federal Cost Share 75%, Local Cost Share 25%

- Category B (Emergency Protective Measures)
  - Evacuations
  - Public Messaging
  - Water Pumping
  - Road Barricading
  - Overtime Labor

- Category H (Fire Suppression)
  - Firefighting Labor (Overtime & Non-budgeted Volunteer Stipends)
  - Equipment Time & Repairs directly related to the declared fire
  - Materials & Supplies, Meals, Uniforms used/damaged as a direct result of the declared fire

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FMAG-HMGP Mitigation Grants

- Congress approved new 2018 funding
  - Details are pending FEMA announcement
- FEMA will pass these grants through EMD
- Grants for projects **in the WUI:**
  - Property assessments & treatment prescriptions
  - Defensible Space work
  - Hazardous fuels reduction / shaded fuel breaks
    - No prescribed burning
  - Flash flood mitigation work
    - Permanent work only
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EMD can PRIORITIZE impacted counties for FMAG-HMGP Grants.

For example:

- **Tier 1 - Top Priority:** eligible FMAG-declared counties
  - including eligible entities within them (fire districts, conservation districts, utilities, etc.)

- **Tier 2 Second Priority:** All other eligible entities in WA
  - Focus on wildfire and/or post-fire flood risk-reduction projects

Want more info about these grants? Contact EMD’s Mitigation Office:

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Tim Cook, WA State Hazard Mitigation Officer

ELIGIBLE means you have a current, FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.
SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- FMAG Program staff work with SEOC Duty Officers
- FMAG Program staff work with WA Military Department External Affairs
- FMAG Program staff work with DNR Ops staff
- FMAG Program staff work with WSP Fire Marshal’s Office staff
  - FMAG Declared fires and State Mob approved fires
    - Separate approval process
    - State Mob does not = FMAG Declaration
    - FMAG Declaration does not = State Mob
- FMAG Program staff work with Federal Partners (FEMA Region X, USFS, BLM)
- FMAG Program staff work with Tribal/Local Officials (EM, Sheriff, Fire Jurisdictions)

Wildcad.net
Egp.nwcg.net
**FMAG REQUEST PROCESS**

1. **Fire Starts & exceeds local resources**
   - Call MA & FMAG

2. **WA DNR + WA EMD + WSP**
   - Partner to gain Situational Awareness and conduct a threat assessment

3. **WA DNR + WA EMD + WSP collaborate to complete** [FEMA Form 078-0-1 Request for Fire Management Assistance Declaration (RFMA)](https://www.fema.gov) and [FEMA Region X Supplemental Data Form](https://www.fema.gov).

4. **Continuous Threat Assessment**
   - WA DNR Ops or WA EMD Staff take the lead on providing a statewide SA analysis to the PFA and FEMA Region X Fire Duty Officers

5. **If the RFMA is approved, WA EMD staff gain consensus from WA DNR and WSP on 100% containment & incident period end time and send for PFA and FEMA Region X approval.**

*PFA: Principal Fire Advisor, works for the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, provides a technical assessment of the fire or fire complex.*
ELIGIBLE COSTS

- The activities performed must be:
  - The legal responsibility of the applying entity,
  - Within the incident period, or
  - Required as the result of the declared fire, and
    - Pre-positioning costs
    - Temporary repairs due to firefighting activity damages
    - Mobilization and Demobilization
    - Grant Administration
  - Located within the designated area or related to firefighting activities (i.e., EOC Ops or Dispatch)

- Mutual Aid
  - Incident Commander must have requested services
  - Providing entity costs are treated as contract costs
  - Cannot be intra-organization

* Unwritten mutual aid agreements must be documented immediately after the incident.
PREPARATION & EXPECTATION MANAGEMENT

- Designation of Applicant Agent andAlternate
- Set up a system to track Donated Resources
- Maintain copies of contracts, agreements, personnel policies

- FEMA will provide their own interpretations of CFRs and policies
- We will likely ask for more documentation and have more questions.
- There is a lot of scrutiny on supporting documentation

- 30 Days of the Incident Period: EMD submits Request for Fire Management Assistance Subgrant to FEMA
- 6 Months of the Incident Period: Final costs submitted to FEMA.
- 12 Months of the Incident Period: All grants funded and fire is closed
We are from the government and we are here to help!

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