



Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current Grant Guidance



Washington State Military Department

Emergency Management Division

Camp Murray, WA 98430

WA EMD is now accepting Pre-Applications for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current Grant

Submissions must be emailed to HMA@mil.wa.gov by **March 5, 2026**

Please join WA EMD on **February 19 at 3:00 PM** for a Webinar to further explain the criteria and required documentation.

WA EMD is pleased to make available to selected jurisdictions a unique opportunity to mitigate flood-prone properties, in the wake of recent flooding, using previously authorized FMA Swift Current funds.

With this fast-tracked funding opportunity, Washington State seeks to support eligible flood-impacted jurisdictions that are ready to carry out eligible flood acquisition projects.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible jurisdictions, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, tribes or special districts and political subdivisions, must meet the following criteria:
 - Communities must participate and be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
 - Participating jurisdictions must have a current, FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan or Annex.
 - Participating jurisdictions must be willing and able to conduct property owner outreach and project implementation coordination. Project implementation time can be claimed for reimbursement.
- Eligible projects are flood prone property **acquisitions** that meet the following criteria:
 - Property owners must voluntarily participate in acquisition projects.
 - Individual properties **MUST** be NFIP-insured and meet other NFIP criteria (each property will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis).
 - Acquired properties **MUST** appear on the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) / Repetitive Loss (RL) list or be confirmed as Substantially Damaged.
 - Acquired properties must be converted to permanent open space in perpetuity per 44 CFR part 80.

For more information, contact HMA@mil.wa.gov

PRIORITIES FOR GRANT FUNDING

Priority consideration will be given to acquisition of eligible SRL properties in the counties of **Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom**. These flood-impacted counties have the highest number of SRL properties.

Secondary priority will be given to acquisition of RL properties in the same counties.

FUNDING & COST SHARE REQUIREMENTS

Washington anticipates funding the entire non-federal share. We do not anticipate that the participating local jurisdictions will incur a cost share for this grant funding opportunity.

APPLICATION & FUNDING PROCESS

Submit completed Pre-Application forms & a Preliminary Property List to HMA@mil.wa.gov no later than **March 5, 2026**.

If interested in this opportunity, please email HMA@mil.wa.gov for a list of likely eligible properties in your jurisdiction.

WA EMD will use a two-step application process. 1) Pre-Application and 2) Property Document Packages (*The latter is by invitation only*). **NOTE:** WA EMD (not the local jurisdiction) will be preparing the application / sub-application using the materials provided by local jurisdictions.

Invitees to Step 2 will be asked to submit document packages for each property and the applicant jurisdiction. These document packages are due from local jurisdictions to WA EMD on **April 6, 2026**.

After full document packages are submitted (by invitation only), WA EMD will review them for eligibility and rank them for inclusion in the application. WA EMD then submits and recommends a list of “primary” and “alternate” properties to FEMA for funding consideration.

FEMA conducts its own review, which includes environmental and historic preservation (EHP) considerations. FEMA will make the final decision and issue grant awards.