Dear Community Partners:

TDEM is now accepting applications for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) designated in the Fire Management Assistance Grants for FM-5233, FM-5234, FM-5235, FM-5237, FM-5258 and FM-5264. This funding opportunity makes $2,550,048 available for hazard mitigation projects. These funds are available for eligible subapplicants to implement eligible activities outlined in their FEMA approved hazard mitigation action plans.

Eligible subapplicants include: state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Action Plan at the time the project is submitted to FEMA for consideration and at the time an award is made with the exception of projects to develop or update mitigation plans. An exception to this requirement may be requested on a case-by-case basis in accordance with FEMA’s 2015 HMA Guidance.

The HMGP application period is open on effective on the date of this notification and all HMGP sub-grant applications must be received by TDEM no later than June 30, 2019 in order to be considered for funding under this opportunity.

Jurisdictions from outside the counties designated in this disaster declaration are encouraged to submit projects for consideration under this opportunity. These applications will be reviewed and designated as alternate projects for funding until the all requests from impacted jurisdictions have been addressed.

Any jurisdiction seeking funding under this opportunity must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) form for each project they wish to be considered. This form can be found on the TDEM website http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/Mitigation/index.htm or requested from the TDEM Mitigation Section at TDEM-Mitigation@dps.texas.gov. NOIs will be reviewed as they are received.

TDEM will provide the HMGP application form to jurisdictions after reviewing their submitted NOI for eligibility and funding amount requested. A completed HMGP application form must be received by TDEM no later than June 30, 2019 to be considered for funding. HMGP applications will be reviewed and evaluated as they are received. Note that all applications must be submitted on the new HMGP application form dated February 2018. Applications submitted using older forms will be returned with instructions to resubmit using the proper form.
State priorities for distribution of HMGP funds associated with this disaster are:

1. HMGP eligible jurisdictions within the declared counties for the disaster declaration (Brown, Burnet, Gray, Hutchinson, Jeff Davis, and Jones)
2. Projects that address the principal hazards associated with the disaster declaration (priority given to wildfire mitigation projects);
3. Projects that demonstrate greatest community benefit;
   a. Highest Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR)
   b. Verifiable population directly served or benefitting by the project
4. Projects in jurisdictions that received the most damage for the disaster event based on PA & IA award amounts.
5. Eligible jurisdictions outside the counties declared in the disaster declaration.

Important HMGP deadlines:

- **April 2019**: Subapplicant workshops in declared counties.
- **June 30, 2019**: Subapplicant deadline for submitting HMGP applications for consideration with final submission to FEMA for Funding.

Any questions regarding this opportunity should be directed to the TDEM Recovery, Mitigation and Standards Services, Hazard Mitigation Section at TDEM-Mitigation@dps.texas.gov or (512) 377-0023.