

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 28526)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Accept and Approve Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for the 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. District: All [\$400,000 Federal Funds 75%, Department Budget 25%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept and Approve the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$400,000 for the Riverside County Operational Area 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Update, for the performance period of June 13, 2025, through June 12, 2028;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-257, which identifies the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD) as the lead agency for coordination and development of the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), and amends and replaces Resolution No. 2021-170 to update the LHMP for a 5-year period; and
3. Authorize the EMD Director or designee to administer the grant and to execute amendments that exercise the options of the Agreement, including modifications that do not make substantive changes to the terms of the Agreement, as approved-as-to-form by County Counsel.

**ACTION:**

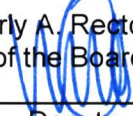
*Daniel Bates*  
Daniel Bates 10/16/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 28, 2025  
xc: EMD

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 25,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 75% Federal and 25% Department Budget			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 25/26-27/28	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The purpose of the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is to secure Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre-disaster planning and mitigation project grant assistance for state, tribal, and local governments.

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) provides the legal foundation for FEMA's mitigation planning requirements. It amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by replacing earlier mitigation planning provisions with new requirements that emphasize coordination between state, local, and tribal governments in both planning and implementation efforts.

An approved LHMP is required by FEMA for jurisdictions to be eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funds following a disaster. To remain compliant with the DMA of 2000, LHMPs must be updated every five years. Riverside County's last approved plan was submitted in 2012. FEMA has awarded the County's Emergency Management Department (EMD) a grant — requiring a 25% non-federal match — to complete the LHMP update. The County's match will be met with in-kind staff contributions from EMD and will actively support the project.

The Riverside County Emergency Management Department is committed to fostering an inclusive, collaborative planning process. The goal is to maintain a comprehensive Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP that integrates all cities, special districts, businesses, community organizations, and other stakeholders. This unified approach promotes consistency, enhances coordination, and supports a countywide strategy to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to residents and property from both natural and human-caused hazards.

The County's Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional LHMP identifies goals and mitigation strategies aligned with its top ten hazards:

- Earthquake
- Pandemic influenza
- Wildland fire
- Electrical failure
- Emerging disease or contamination
- Cyber-attack

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- Terrorist event
- Communications failure
- Flood
- Civil disorder

The plan is updated every five years, in accordance with DMA 2000, to ensure ongoing eligibility for federal funding and relevance to current risks.

EMD is facilitating a 36-month collaborative planning process involving meetings, workshops, and presentations to assist jurisdictions and stakeholders in developing their individual LHMPs or annexes. To date, 38 participants — including cities, special districts, educational institutions, tribal governments, utility and water agencies, military entities, and other key partners — have submitted a Letter of Commitment or LHMP Annex for inclusion in the County's Operational Area Plan.

FEMA mitigation funds support a range of hazard reduction projects, including the retrofitting of vulnerable structures, elevating flood-prone properties, hazardous tree removal, and other pre-disaster initiatives aimed at reducing long-term risks.

Riverside County remains dedicated to advancing community resilience through ongoing hazard mitigation planning, stakeholder collaboration, and proactive risk reduction strategies.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

**Riverside County's 5-Year Disaster Mitigation Strategy and LHMP Impact:**

Riverside County maintains a 5-year disaster mitigation plan that includes all jurisdictions, districts, businesses, and community organizations to ensure consistent, unified disaster preparedness.

Key benefits and roles of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP):

**Insurance Benefits:**

The LHMP promotes risk reduction strategies recognized by insurers, lowering insurance premiums and expanding eligibility for state and federal mitigation programs. These strategies include forming Fire Safe Councils, NFPA Firewise Communities, public education, fire prevention inspections, defensible space, and outreach campaigns to reduce fire risks and improve community preparedness.

**Fire Risk Reduction Community Listing:**

Updating the LHMP helps Riverside County qualify for the State's Fire Risk Reduction Community list, unlocking grant funding, supporting compliance with SB 379, and showing a proactive commitment to wildfire hazard reduction. This listing also improves insurance rates

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under California's "Safer from Wildfires" regulations, which factor in community-level mitigation efforts.

**NFPA Firewise Communities:**

Being designated as a Firewise USA site under California's wildfire regulations further lowers insurance risk ratings by recognizing effective community wildfire mitigation.

**Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP):**

The LHMP update lays the groundwork for a unified CWPP that coordinates priorities across cities and fire departments for fuel reduction, evacuation planning, structure safety, defensible space, and risk reduction programs.

**Board of Forestry Subdivision Review:**

The LHMP addresses fire risk in subdivisions with over 30 units in high fire hazard zones, focusing on improving access, evacuation signage, drills, and other safety measures as per AB 2911.

**Flood Insurance Savings:**

Collaboration with Riverside County Flood and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has secured Level 6 status, resulting in a 20% flood insurance discount for residents—about \$150 savings per policy. With 2,200 policies, this totals over \$300,000 saved annually and approximately \$1.5 million over the 5-year LHMP cycle.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

There is no financial impact to the county at this time, however failure to adopt the resolution could impact future eligibility to apply for FEMA mitigation grant assistance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution No. 2025-257

  
Rebecca S. Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 10/20/2025

  
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 10/16/2025

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-257

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4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
5 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY  
6 MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION  
7 PROJECT FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
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9 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside (“Board”) desires to give the  
10 Emergency Management Department, by and through its Emergency Planning Division, responsibility for  
11 management and administration of funds and projects related to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
12 (“HMGP”) from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (hereinafter referred to as “Cal  
13 OES”); and

14 WHEREAS, CalOES has awarded the County with HMGP funds to be used as the lead agency for  
15 coordination and development of the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard  
16 Mitigation Plan (“LHMP”) in accordance with CalOES requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, HMGP provides funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses  
18 and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the  
20 Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on  
21 Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors  
22 on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, as follows:

23 The Board hereby authorizes the individuals identified below to execute for and on behalf of the  
24 County of Riverside, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any document,  
25 including agreements, amendments, extensions, and grant award documents, with the Cal OES, as  
26 approved-as-to-form by County Counsel and provided that the County’s contribution share has been  
27 budgeted for and approved by the Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of obtaining federal financial  
28 assistance provided by Cal OES.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: MEJSSA R. CUSHMAN  
DATE: 10/16/2025



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5 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY  
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7 MITIGATION PROJECT FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
8 EMERGENCY SERVICES

9 ROLL CALL:

10 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

11 Nays: None

12 Absent: None

13 Abstain: None

14 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of  
15 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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19 By:  \_\_\_\_\_

20 Deputy



July 9, 2025

Daniel Bates  
Director of Emergency Management  
Riverside County  
450 East Alessandro Boulevard  
Riverside, CA 92508

Subject: **Notification of Subapplication Approval**  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
FEMA-**4699**-DR-CA, Project #**AP01725**, FIPS #**065-00000**,  
Supplement #**28**

Dear Mr. Bates:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) received notification that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved your organization's subaward application in the amount of **\$375,000.00**. A copy of the FEMA award package is enclosed for your records. In order to receive payment as a grant subrecipient, your organization must have the following on file with the Recovery Financial Processing Unit:

- A valid, current (approved within the last 3 years) Governing Body Resolution
- A Project Assurances for Federal Assistance agreement
- A Supplemental Grant Subaward Information sheet
- A current Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Financial Disclosure form. This form must be submitted each fiscal year.
- An active registration with the federal System for Award Management (SAM) website. The registration must remain active for the duration of this grant subaward.

For your convenience, this subapplication approval package includes the required post-obligation documents as well as guides to completing and renewing a SAM registration. Please complete the documents and mail copies to the address listed at the end of this letter, keeping the originals with your records. Alternatively, you may scan and email the completed documents to the Recovery Financial Processing Unit at [HMgrantsPayments@CalOES.ca.gov](mailto:HMgrantsPayments@CalOES.ca.gov). Electronic copies of the post-obligation documents can also be requested at the same address.



Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis using the enclosed Hazard Mitigation Reimbursement Request Form. A ten percent (10%) retention will be withheld from all reimbursement payments and will be released as part of the subaward closeout process.

Reimbursements can be made only for items listed on the approved subaward application. Expenditures for any other work should be separately maintained and are the sole responsibility of the subrecipient. Any funds received in excess of current needs or approved amounts, or those found owed as a result of a final inspection or audit, must be refunded to the State within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from Cal OES.

When mailing documents to the Recovery Financial Processing Unit, please use the following address:

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Attention: Recovery Financial Processing Unit  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, CA 95655

For further assistance regarding post-obligation documents or the reimbursement request process, please contact the Recovery Financial Processing Unit at (916) 845-8110 or at [HMGrantsPayments@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:HMGrantsPayments@caloes.ca.gov). For program-related questions, please contact the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program Unit at (916) 328-7450.

Recovery Financial Processing Unit

Enclosures

c: Subrecipient's Project File

\*The Recovery Financial Processing Unit has universal resolution No. 2024-045, passed on 02/06/24, on file. A copy of the resolution is included in this package for your review. With the written permission of an Authorized Agent, the resolution can be applied to this project.





July 9, 2025

Daniel Bates  
Director of Emergency Management  
Riverside County  
450 East Alessandro Boulevard  
Riverside, CA 92508

Subject: **Notification of Approval for Subrecipient Management Cost Funding**  
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
FEMA-**4610**-DR-CA, Project #**AP00910**, FIPS #**095-00000**,  
Supplement #**32**

Dear Mr. Bates:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) received notification that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved **\$25,000.00** in funding for subrecipient management costs (SRMC). SRMC are costs incurred while administering a Hazard Mitigation grant subaward. A copy of FEMA's letter is enclosed for your records.

Payments are made on a reimbursement basis using the specialized Subrecipient Management Cost Reimbursement Request Form. Subrecipients are reminded to document their SRMC separately from direct project expenditures. To qualify for SRMC reimbursement, subrecipients must first incur and seek reimbursement for direct project expenditures via the specialized Project Expenditures Reimbursement Request Form. Reimbursement for SRMC is capped at five percent of a project's cumulative direct project expenditures. Please note that your organization must maintain an active registration in the SAM.gov (System for Award Management) database for the duration of this grant subaward.

Please read the enclosed supplement. In accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206.440, if you disagree with FEMA's obligated amount or scope of work listed in the supplement, you can appeal. All appeals must be in writing and received by Cal OES within 60 days from the receipt of this letter. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Recovery Financial Processing Unit at (916) 845-8110 or at HMGrantsPayments@caloes.ca.gov.

Recovery Financial Processing Unit  
Enclosures  
c: Subrecipient's Project File





FEMA

June 12, 2025

RECEIVED  
JUNE 18, 2025  
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Robyn Fennig  
Assistant Director Hazard Mitigation  
Governor's Authorized Representative  
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, CA 95655

Reference: Application Approval, HMGP DR-4699-1725-64P Riverside  
County of Riverside  
Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Plan Update  
FIPS Code: 065-00000, Supplement #28

Dear Robyn Fennig,

We approve and issue Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds for the County of Riverside, DR-4699-1725-64P Riverside, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Plan Update.

The total project cost is \$500,000.00. As shown in the enclosed February 6, 2025, Obligation Report - Supplement #28, we are obligating \$375,000.0 for the 75 percent Federal share; the 25 percent non-Federal share is \$125,000.00. We are obligating \$25,000.00 for the 100% Federal share Subrecipient Management Costs. These funds are available in SmartLink for immediate and eligible disbursements. The following is a summary of the approved funding:

Funding Type:	Federal Share:	Non-Federal Share:	Total Project Cost:
Supplement #28	\$375,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$500,000.00
Management Costs	\$25,000	\$ 0.00	\$25,000

This HMGP project approval and obligation of funds are subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Scope of Work (SOW)** – The County of Riverside will develop and adopt an updated FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the requirements outlined in Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 201 and the most current *FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide* (FP-206-21-0002). While local mitigation plans may include additional content to meet Element H: Additional State Requirements or other local objectives, FEMA's approval only applies to elements required by its *Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide*.
- 2. Project Completion Date** – The work schedule included with the project application indicates that the project will take 36 months to complete; therefore, the activity completion date is June 12, 2028. Please inform the sub-recipient that work completed after this date is not eligible for

federal funding, and that federal funds may be de-obligated for work completed outside the completion date when there is no approved time extension.

3. **Project Closeout** – Within 120 days of the award period of performance’s expiration, all project funds must be liquidated and final closeout documentation for the project must be submitted to FEMA. Please note the project must comply with Code of Federal Regulations Title 2, Part 200 reporting requirements at the time of closeout.
4. **Standard Conditions** – This project approval is subject to the enclosed *Standard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Conditions*, amended August 2018. Please note that federal funds may be de-obligated for work that does not comply with these conditions.

For financial or programmatic questions please contact Andrea Harvey, Sr. Grants Management Specialist by email at [andrea.harvey@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:andrea.harvey@fema.dhs.gov), or by phone at 202-430-4878.

Sincerely,

**KATHRYN J  
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Kathryn Lipiecki  
Director, Mitigation Division  
FEMA Region 9

Enclosures (2):

Obligation Report – Supplement #28  
Standard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Conditions

CC: Melissa Boudrye, Resilience Branch Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services  
Concepcion Chavez, Technical Assistance Division Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services  
Ron Miller, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services  
Joe Purvis, HM Grants Division Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services  
Ryan Massello, HM Quality Assurance Division Chief, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services  
Robert McCord, Chief, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, FEMA Region 9

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Obligation Report w/ Signatures

Disaster No	FEMA Project No	Amendment No	State Application ID	Action No	Supplemental No	State	Recipient
4699	64 -P	0	1725	1	28	CA	Statewide
Subrecipient: Riverside (County)				Project Title : Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2028 Update			
Subrecipient FIPS Code: 065-99065							

Total Amount Previously Allocated	Total Amount Previously Obligated	Total Amount Pending Obligation	Total Amount Available for New Obligation		
\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Project Amount	Subrecipient Management Cost Amount	Total Obligation	IFMIS Date	IFMIS Status	FY
\$375,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$400,000.00	02/05/2025	Accept	2025

**Comments**

Date: 02/05/2025 User Id: SSCOTT39

Comment: Approved funding for DR-4699-1725-64P Riverside County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2028 Update Federal Share: \$375,000.00 and Sub Recipient Management Costs: \$25,000.00

**Authorization**

Preparer Name: STEVEN SCOTT

Preparation Date: 02/05/2025

HMO Authorization Name: ANDREA HARVEY

HMO Authorization Date: 02/05/2025

_____ Authorizing Official Signature	_____ Authorizing Official Title	_____ Authorization Date
_____ Authorizing Official Signature	_____ Authorizing Official Title	_____ Authorization Date

# Standard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Conditions

## FEMA Region IX, August, 2018

The following list applies to Recipients and Subrecipients accepting HMGP funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

1. **Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations.** The Recipient/Subrecipient must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations, regardless of whether they are on this list or other project documents. DHS financial assistance Recipients and Subrecipients are required to follow the provisions of the State HMGP Administrative Plan, applicable Hazard Mitigation Assistance Uniform Guidance, and Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, adopted by DHS in 2 CFR 3002.
2. **Financial Management Systems.** The Recipient and Subrecipient must maintain financial management systems to account for and track funds, as referenced in 2 CFR 200.302.
3. **Match or Cost Share.** Non-federal match or cost share must comply with 2 CFR 200.306, the scope of work (SOW), and any agreements among the Subrecipient, the Recipient, and FEMA.
4. **Budget Changes.** Unanticipated adjustments are permitted within the approved total cost. However, if costs exceed the federal share, the Subrecipient must notify the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) of overruns before implementation. The GAR shall submit a written request for approval to FEMA Region IX. The subaward must continue to meet HMGP requirements, including cost effectiveness and cost share. Refer to 2 CFR 200.308 for additional information.
5. **Real Property and Land.** The acquisition, use, and disposition must comply with 2 CFR 200.311.
6. **Equipment.** The acquisition, use, and disposition must comply with 2 CFR 200.313.
7. **Supplies.** Upon project completion, FEMA must be compensated for unused supplies, exceeding \$5,000 (fair market value), and not needed for other federal programs. Refer to 2 CFR 200.314.
8. **Procurement.** Procurement procedures must be in conformance with 2 CFR 200.318-320.
9. **Monitoring and Reporting Program Performance.** The Recipient and Subrecipient must submit quarterly progress reports, as referenced in the 2 CFR 200.328 and State HMGP Administrative Plan.
10. **Records Retention.** In accordance with 2 CFR 200.333, financial/ programmatic records related to expenditures must be maintained at least 3 years after the date of Recipient's final expenditure report.
11. **Enforcement and Termination.** If the Recipient or Subrecipient fails to comply with the award or subaward terms, whether stated in a Federal statute or regulation, the State HMGP Administrative Plan, subapplication, a notice of award, an assurance, or elsewhere, FEMA may take one or more of the actions outlined in 2 CFR 200.338, including termination or partial termination of the award or subaward outlined in 2 CFR 200.339.
12. **Allowable Costs.** Funds are to be used for allowable costs in compliance with 2 CFR 200.403, the approved SOW, and any agreements among the Subrecipient, Recipient, and FEMA.

13. **Non-Federal Audit.** The Recipient and Subrecipient are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, in compliance with 2 CFR 200.501.
14. **Debarred and Suspended Parties.** Recipients and Subrecipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, and 2 CFR 180. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the federal assistance programs or activities.
15. **Equipment Rates.** Rates claimed for use of Subrecipient-owned equipment in excess of the FEMA-approved rates must be approved under State guidelines issued by the State Comptroller's Office or must be certified by the Recipient to include only those costs attributable to equipment usage less any fixed overhead and/or profit.
16. **Duplication of Funding between Public Assistance (PA) and HMGP.** Funding for PA Section 406 and HMGP Section 404 are permitted on the same facility/location, but the activities identified under each program must be distinct with separately accounted funds. At closeout, FEMA may adjust the funding to ensure the Subrecipient was reimbursed for eligible work from only one funding source.
17. **Historic Properties and Cultural Resources.** In compliance with 2 CFR 800, if a potential historic property or cultural resource is discovered during construction, the Subrecipient must cease work in the area and take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the discovered property/resource. During construction, the Subrecipient will monitor ground disturbance activity, and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, will immediately cease work in that area, and notify the Recipient and FEMA. Construction in the area may resume with FEMA's written approval after FEMA's consultation, if applicable, with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).
18. **NEPA and Changes to the Scope of Work (SOW).** To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other Laws and Executive Orders, any change to the approved SOW shall be re-evaluated before implementation. Construction associated with a SOW change, prior to FEMA approval, may be ineligible for funding. Acceptance of federal funding requires environmental permits and clearances in compliance with all appropriate federal, state and local laws, and failure to comply may jeopardize funding.

Within their authority, the Recipient and Subrecipient must use of all practicable means, consistent with other essential policies, to create and maintain productive harmony for people and nature, and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.