



# IEMA-OHS

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released the Fiscal Year 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safeguarding Tomorrow through On-going Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF). There is \$150 million available in this round of funding.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency – Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) is seeking proposed projects from communities who may wish to use low-interest loans to implement hazard mitigation projects.

To participate in the program, IEMA-OHS must provide a project proposal list, generated from communities. If funding to the state is approved, communities that express interest in using the program will be able to submit a formal application for a loan.

Interested communities are asked to submit project information to the IEMA-OHS Hazard Mitigation Section at [ema.mitigation@illinois.gov](mailto:ema.mitigation@illinois.gov). More information on the details required for this expression of interest is found at the end of this notice.

Projects designed to reduce disaster risks for homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities from the impact of natural hazards are eligible for this program and may include, such projects include:

- Drought and prolonged episodes of intense heat.
- Severe storms, tornados, and extreme winter weather.
- Wildfires.
- Earthquakes.
- Flooding, including the construction, repair, or replacement of a non-Federal levee or other flood control structure.
- Shoreline erosion, high water levels, and storm surges.
- Zoning and land use planning changes.

- Building code enforcement.

A loan recipient can receive up to \$5 million per project. The Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF can also be used to finance the non-federal cost share for other FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants. Additionally, there is no cost effectiveness requirement. These low-interest loans will allow for jurisdictions throughout the State of Illinois to reduce their vulnerability to natural disasters and increase resiliency.

If you have any questions regarding the NOFO or the program, please contact the Hazard Mitigation Section at [ema.mitigation@illinois.gov](mailto:ema.mitigation@illinois.gov).

The NOFO details can be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351552>

Additional information about the program can be found here <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/storm-rlf>

When expressing interest, please provide the following information as best as available:

- Name of the eligible proposed loan recipient.
- Community(ies) experiencing hazard mitigation benefits.
- County(ies) experiencing hazard mitigation benefits.
- Unique name of the project.
- Provide a paragraph describing the following elements of the project:
  - How the project will reduce risk or increase resilience
  - Major items in the scope of work
  - The infrastructure being protected
  - How the project will reduce risk to life and property
  - Other items describing how the project mitigates natural hazards.
- A description of how the project conforms to the Hazard Mitigation Plan of the applicant and the local government

- What hazard is this project mitigating?
- If this loan will be used towards the non-federal cost share for a grant under another HMA grant program, which HMA grant program will it support?
- Please identify the local government's revenue stream to support the payback of this loan