

Safeguarding Tomorrow Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund Program Grant Application Form

This form is for entities that want to apply to the Safeguarding Tomorrow Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund (Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF) program. Eligible entities must complete all fields and provide all required attachments. Eligible entities should review the relevant Notice of Funding Opportunity and official FEMA policy for more information.

Application Requirements

Any state, territory, or federally recognized tribe that has received a major disaster declaration can apply for Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program capitalization grants.

All applications must be received through FEMA's Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system by the deadline. FEMA GO is a FEMA system that supports the program management life cycle. It allows users to perform and manage application submissions.

For the fiscal year 2025, FEMA will accept applications on an ongoing basis. They will be evaluated as they are received until all funds have been spent or the deadline has passed. Eligible applicants may submit one application for fiscal year 2025. Applications must be received no later than the applicable deadline. Start dates and deadlines are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Application Start Date	Priority Funding for Tribes Submission Deadline	Final Application Submission Deadline
2025	January 14, 2025	July 1, 2025 at 5 p.m. ET	September 30, 2025 at 5 p.m. ET

Note: ET – Eastern Time

FEMA will not review applications that arrive after the deadlines. As such, the agency will not consider late submissions for funding. However, FEMA may extend either application deadline upon request from any applicant who can show a valid reason for an extension. Section D.1, Key Dates and Times, in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) provides more detail on extensions.

If you need help using the FEMA GO system, contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk at femago@fema.dhs.gov. You can also reach them at 877-585-3242, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. ET. Contact fema-stormrlf@fema.dhs.gov to ask about the program or grants management.



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To be complete, all the fields in this form must be filled out. The documents in the following list must be submitted as well:

- Intended Use Plan – The applicant must attach the Intended Use Plan. This plan must list the intended uses of the entity loan fund and the capitalization grant.
- Project Proposal List – The applicant must attach a list of local government hazard mitigation project proposals (Excel format preferred).
- Public Notice Documentation – The applicant must prove that they met the six-week minimum public notice period before submitting this application. In this time, applicants must ask for hazard mitigation project proposals from local governments.
- Public Comment Documentation – The applicant must show proof that they offered the public a comment period to review the Intended Use Plan before submitting this application.
- Program Priorities – The applicant needs to explain how the entity loan fund will address the Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund program’s priorities (see 42 U.S.C. § 5135(d)(3)). These details will help FEMA determine funding.

Applicant Information

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1. Name of Applicant/Entity	
2. Type of Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> State or Territorial Government <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Tribal Government
3. Federal Employer Identification Number	
4. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number	
5. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number	

Hazard Mitigation Plan Information

Entities do not need to address the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program in their hazard mitigation plan when they apply. FEMA recommends that updates of future state or Tribal hazard mitigation plans meet the requirements in this application. To do so, applicants should thoroughly assess recurring vulnerabilities during major disasters. They should also describe how Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program, can help build resilience. FEMA recommends tying these assessments to vulnerable areas, critical infrastructure, and critical economic sectors within the entity’s area (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(C)).

Hazard Mitigation Plan Information	
6. Does the entity have a FEMA-approved state/Tribal hazard mitigation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. Plan name.	
b. Provide a link to your current approved state/Tribal hazard mitigation plan.	
7. Does the current approved state or Tribal hazard mitigation plan detail recurring major disaster vulnerabilities that affect the entity and the risk they pose to life and property (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(B))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. If yes, provide the chapter, section, and page number where this assessment is provided within the current plan.	
b. If no, detail the recurring major disaster vulnerabilities that affect the entity and the risk they pose to life and property.	
8. Describe any major vulnerability gaps in the current approved state or Tribal hazard mitigation plan. Outline any ways in which the plan does not consider the vulnerabilities described under Question 7 (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(C)).	

Entity Loan Fund Use Information

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9. Will the entity be ready to deposit at least 10% of the proposed grant into the entity loan fund on or before the date they receive the capitalization grant award (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(c)(4)(A))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Does the Intended Use Plan describe how the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program will be used to build resilience? This may include impacts to river basins, river corridors, watersheds, estuaries, bays, coastal regions, micro-basins, micro-watersheds, and ecosystems. It may also include areas at risk of earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, severe storms, and wildfires, including the wildland-urban interface (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(E)).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. If no, state where the HMP says how the Safeguarding Tomorrow RLF program will be used to build resilience in future updates.	
11. Describe how the projects in the project proposal list could conform with state or Tribal and local hazard mitigation plans (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(D)).	
12. State the maximum amount of federal funds requested for this application.	

Public Notice and Comment Information

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13. Has the entity completed the mandatory public notice of at least six weeks before submitting this application? This must include inviting hazard mitigation project proposals from local governments (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(b)(1)(A)). Attach a copy of the public notice or publisher's affidavit with the source of the publication and date clearly visible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Has the entity given the public a chance to comment and review the Intended Use Plan before the application was submitted (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(g)(1))? Attach a copy of the appropriate documentation with the source and method of the public comment opportunity and date clearly visible.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Program Priorities

The following details are used to determine funding. The apportionment of funding is based on how well applicants address the statutory priorities specified in 42 U.S.C. Section 5135(d)(3). See Section E.2. of the notice of funding opportunity to learn more about the methodology. The Intended Use Plan should clearly explain the approach, examples, and supporting data. For each priority, state which part of the Intended Use Plan explains how the program priority is met.

Program Priorities Information	
15. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects that build resilience and reduce the risk of harm to natural and built infrastructure (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(d)(3)(A)).	
16. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects that involve partnerships between two or more eligible entities to carry out a project or similar projects (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(d)(3)(B)). Detail any partnerships between proposed loan recipients.	
17. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects that consider regional impacts of hazards on river basins, river corridors, micro-watersheds, macro-watersheds, estuaries, lakes, bays, and coastal regions. Do the same for projects that consider areas at risk of earthquakes, tsunamis, droughts, severe storms, and wildfires, including the wildland-urban interface (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(d)(3)(C)).	
18. Describe how the entity will prioritize projects for the resilience of major economic sectors or critical national infrastructure. This includes ports; global commodity supply chain assets within an entity or within the jurisdiction of local governments and tribal governments; power and water production and distribution centers; and bridges and waterways that are key to interstate commerce (42 U.S.C. Section 5135(d)(3)(D)).	