

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1803

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Local elected official,

As we continue to work together and serve South Louisiana, I am writing to inform you of federal grant opportunities to help our communities mitigate future disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has announced \$1.16 billion divided between the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant programs. These programs provide funds to states, local communities, tribes, and territories for eligible mitigation activities. Projects eligible for these programs are characterized by investments in more resilient communities, reducing disaster suffering, and minimizing future disaster costs. The application period opens on September 30, 2021, and the submission deadline is January 28, 2022. Funding notices will be available on <https://www.grants.gov/>.

Though these resources have been made available, it is incumbent upon state and local officials to apply for these grants. If you have not already, I urge you to pursue these resources aggressively. Should you apply for these federal grants, please notify my office at <https://clayhiggins.house.gov/services/grant-support-requests>. We stand ready to assist you in pushing through any grant, reimbursement, or funding application that is pending at the federal level. Since January 2017, my office has directly, officially supported many hundreds of federal funding applications.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA):

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to states, local communities, federally recognized tribes, and territories. Funds can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. More information can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>.

Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC):

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities will support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. More information can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>.

In addition to the above programs, the federal government offers a wide range of funding for state and local communities. You can find a more extensive list of grant and loan opportunities at <https://www.grants.gov/>. As we continue to serve our fellow Louisianans, I invite you to take advantage of these funding opportunities. It is an honor to serve you in Congress, and I look forward to working with you to support Louisiana's continued growth and prosperity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "H".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress