



Community Development Block Grant- Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) 2017/2018 Mitigation Planning & Public Services (MIT-PPS) and Resilient Infrastructure Program (MIT-RIP) Pre-NOFA Webinar Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

MIT-PPS and MIT-RIP Pre-NOFA Webinar: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the funding cap for MIT-RIP and is there a limit to the number of projects that can be submitted?

There is no limit to the number of Project Applications an Eligible Applicant can submit. The \$2.5 million cap applies per Project. Each Application submitted equates to one Project.

An Eligible Applicant may apply and qualify for an exemption from the per project funding award cap by making a written request. Please see section 2.3.1. of the MIT-RIP Policies and Procedures Manual for more information.

2. For applicants that were awarded in 2017 MIT-PPS Round 1, are there any funding limitations or other restrictions that apply to the 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2 opportunity?

Applicant awards for 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2 funding has no relation to participation or award amounts in 2017 MIT-PPS Round 1. All eligible applicants for 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2 may receive up to the applicant award cap of \$1,500,000.

The application requirements for 2017 MIT-PPS Round 1 do not apply to the 2017 PPS Round 2 NOFA. Please see Appendix A in the updated 2017 MIT-PPS Policies and Procedures for the application and funding requirements for 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2.

3. If an applicant applies for both MIT-RIP and MIT-PPS, is there a combined cap related to award amounts?

There is no combined cap for the MIT-PPS and MIT-RIP programs. Please see each program's policies and procedures manual for more information on the funding caps that apply to each program.



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MIT-PPS includes a minimum project award of \$125,000 and an applicant award cap of \$1,500,000. Exception information is included in the Program's Policies and Procedures Manual. MIT-RIP includes a per project cap of \$2.5 million. Neither program has a limit to the number of applications that may be submitted.

4. What are the environmental review requirements for projects funded by this NOFA?

All projects funded with CDBG-MIT funds must complete an environmental review prior to federal funds being committed or disbursed. The environmental review process and requirements are included in each program's policies and procedures' Cross-Cutting Federal Requirements section.

5. Are local match projects eligible under this NOFA?

Yes, the CDBG-MIT programs allow for local match projects. Please see each program's policies and procedures for the match project requirements, including what types of match funding is eligible.

6. Are FEMA HMGP match projects eligible under this NOFA?

The MIT-PPS and MIT-RIP programs allow for submission of FEMA HMGP match projects. All match projects must meet application and funding requirements.

7. For match funding projects, are there limitations on how long ago the project could have been awarded by the other federal funding entity, such as FEMA?

The MIT-PPS and MIT-RIP programs do not include a time limit on match project eligibility. Each program's policies and procedures includes the eligibility requirements match projects must meet.

8. Does the MIT-PPS program fund planning documents or construction projects?

Planning projects awarded for the MIT-PPS Program must meet the eligible



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activities identified in 24 CFR 570.205. Planning projects may include studies, analysis, data gathering, preparation of plans, and identification of actions that will implement plans. Please see 24 CFR 570.205 for a more detailed description of planning and capacity building activities.

Planning and capacity building activities do not include:

- Engineering, architectural and design costs related to a specific project (e.g., detailed engineering specifications and working drawings); or
- Other costs of implementing plans.

9. Can you define Public Services activities?

Public Services is defined by 24 CFR 570.201(e) as follows: "provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare (but excluding the provision of income payments identified under 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)), homebuyer downpayment assistance, or recreational needs."

To be eligible for CDBG assistance, a public service must be either a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service above that which has been provided by or on behalf of the applicant (through funds raised by the applicant or received by the applicant from the State in which it is located) in the 12 calendar months before the submission of the application.

10. Will there be an opportunity in the future for applicants eligible for 2017 CDBG-MIT to apply for MIT-RIP funding?

HCD will release information related to the 2017 MIT-RIP Round 2 funding opportunity at a future date.

11. Is the Round 2 of 2017 funding only available for MIT-PPS projects?



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The 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2 is only for MIT-PPS projects. HCD will provide information on the 2017 MIT-RIP Round 2 opportunity at a future date.

12. Are the same applicants eligible for 2017 MIT-PPS Round 2, 2018 MIT-PPS, and 2018 MIT-RIP?

The NOFA includes eligibility based on the program and year of the CDBG-MIT funds. Each program policies and procedures includes more information on applicant and geographic eligibility. A summary is included here:

2017 MIT-PPS:

- Sonoma County
- Ventura County
- 95470 – Mendocino County
- 95901 – Predominantly Yuba County
- 94558 – Predominantly Napa County
- 95422 – Predominantly the City of Clearlake in Lake County
- 93108 – City of Montecito, located in Santa Barbara County

2018 MIT-PPS & MIT-RIP:

- Butte County
- Lake County
- Los Angeles County
- Shasta County

13. Can an applicant submit a MIT-RIP project that would include the implementation of a project or solution identified by a MIT-PPS Planning project?



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Yes, MIT-RIP projects could technically implement projects or solutions identified as a result of a MIT-PPS planning project. However, each program includes performance period requirements so each project would need to be designed in a way to ensure that it would meet program requirements, including being completed on time. Finally, if the MIT-RIP project is pending a solution recommendation from a planning project, it may be challenging for the applicant to provide sufficient information in the MIT-RIP application for HCD to determine eligibility.

14. Can MIT-RIP funding be used to fill a gap for DR-INFRA projects?

While HCD encourages leveraging CDBG-MIT funds with other like programs or funding sources, projects awarded by MIT-RIP must meet all program requirements, including the HUD requirement of meeting the definition of mitigation.

15. Will the Pre-NOFA webinar be sent out to attendees afterwards?

Yes, the slides will be provided via email to attendees. The slides and recording will also be posted to each program's website.

16. How do I schedule a Technical Assistance (TA) meeting?

HCD will provide information on how to sign up for a TA session at a later date.

17. Are planning projects funded through CalOES/FEMA HMGP eligible for MIT-PPS to cover the match portion? If so, are the projects eligible even if they are underway?

The MIT-PPS funding may be used to cover the FEMA HMGP non-federal match portion of a project, even if the project is underway. All match projects must meet application and funding requirements.