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### DEADLINE NEARS FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

*Increased federal cost share offers NH communities 'fantastic opportunity'* 

CONCORD, N.H. – The Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) announces that the federal cost share for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has temporarily increased to 90%.

The recent passage of the FY22 Omnibus Appropriations Bill made the increase in cost share available.

The Division is seeking Letters of Intent from communities that have identified a need for mitigation such as upgraded culverts, erosion control, and property elevation.

Recently completed projects in New Hampshire that used HMGP funding include:

- The Baine Road culvert in Marlow (see photos on Page 2)
- Three culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road in Groton
- Hazard mitigation plans for 10 communities

Since January 2019, 16 projects have received nearly \$699,000 in federal funding.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for New Hampshire communities to get a large portion of their mitigation projects paid for through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program," said Brian Eaton, Assistant Chief of Mitigation and State Hazard Mitigation Officer for HSEM. "Flooding is the number one natural hazard threat in the state. These projects are great ways to help communities avoid future damage."

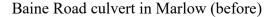
Letters of Intent must be submitted by June 1, 2022, in order to be considered for the 90% federal cost share. Communities should submit Letters of Intent even if they are unsure their project will be eligible for HMGP funding. Letters of Intent can be submitted at <a href="https://go.usa.gov/xuQJ2">https://go.usa.gov/xuQJ2</a>.



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Baine Road culvert in Marlow (after)



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