League Membership Notice

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New FEMA Grant Funding Standards Require Municipal Action

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to governments to rebuild after a presidentially declared disaster. Governments must adopt hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for this funding. Under new FEMA requirements, municipalities should take the following actions to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation grants:

- (1) Submit a <u>questionnaire</u> to <u>hazardmit@ewgateway.org</u> by September 12, 2024, &
- (2) Pass a resolution adopting East-West Gateway's 2025-2030 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The deadline for a passed resolution is September 2025. The plan must be approved by FEMA in October 2025. A sample of the Resolution is available on our web site.

The questionnaire asks about your municipality's property tax valuation, building codes, and development in floodplains, among other things. Given the FEMA requirements, the questionnaire is quite extensive. If municipalities would like assistance with the questionnaire, contact East-West Gateway at hazardmit@ewgateway.org and East-West Gateway can set up a virtual meeting.

Municipalities may also email hazardmit@ewgateway.org for questions and schedule office hours for help filling out the questionnaire. For more details, read East-West Gateway's article and FAQ.