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Dear Sir/Ma'am:

Due to the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornados, and flooding that occurred between April 29, 2019 and July 5, 2019, the State of Missouri requested and received a Federal disaster declaration (FEMA-DR-4451-MO) on July 9, 2019. As a result of the disaster declaration, the State of Missouri will receive post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to distribute to eligible applicants to complete eligible mitigation activities.

We are currently soliciting Hazard Mitigation project proposals from all counties and corresponding jurisdictions. Hazard Mitigation projects must (1) independently solve a problem, (2) be cost-effective per the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) benefit cost analysis software, and (3) be environmentally sound per FEMA's review process, to potentially receive funding. Due to the type of hazard that resulted in the disaster declaration, priority will be given to projects that provide damage reduction from flooding and life safety. Based upon past experience, we anticipate a higher demand for HMGP funds than will be available. Examples of eligible project types include, but are not limited to, residential buyouts and elevations, replacing low water crossings, tornado safe rooms, and other minor flood control projects. Examples of *ineligible* project types include purchase of equipment or studies. HMGP projects are funded at 75% Federal share. A **25% non-Federal match share is required.**

Upon receipt of project proposals, we will review the information provided for eligibility. If the proposed project is deemed potentially eligible for HMGP funding and enough funding is available, we will ask for additional information and a complete application. Therefore, if you are interested in applying for HMGP funds for a Mitigation project that you believe is cost-effective, environmentally sound, and independently solves a problem, please complete and return an HMGP Notice of Interest form by **Monday, September 16, 2019**. The HMGP Notice of Interest form is available on the SEMA Mitigation website at http://sema.dps.mo.gov/programs/mitigation_management.php. Please note that your jurisdiction is not required to participate in this grant program funding opportunity.

Your jurisdiction **must** have a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been adopted by your jurisdiction and approved by FEMA to be considered eligible for hazard mitigation funding. If you are unsure of your Mitigation plan status, a map and listing are available on the SEMA Mitigation website.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Heidi Carver, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at (573) 526-9116 or Heidi.carver@sema.dps.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron C. Broxton".

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