

Mitigation 404 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Eligible Uses

Hazard Mitigation Projects

- At a Glance** FEMA gives Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to states to perform long-term hazard reduction after a major disaster. The purpose is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters. HMGP funds also support reduction and removal of hazards during the immediate recovery from a disaster. Section 404 of the Stafford Act authorizes the program.
- Funds are for projects to reduce or prevent loss from future disasters. Projects must provide a long-term solution to a problem. One example is lifting a home to reduce the risk of flood damage instead of using sandbags and pumps to fight the flood. Potential savings must be more than the cost of the project. Funds can help protect public or private property.
- Receivers** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds are available only within a presidentially-declared disaster area. State, territorial and tribal governments and certain non-profits may apply. Homeowners and businesses may not apply but a community may apply on their behalf.
- Eligible Activities** A state governor asks for help in a presidentially declared disaster. HMGP funds are available within the declared disaster area. .
- Utility projects must meet the following criteria:
- Conform to the State’s Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - Benefit the disaster area.
 - Meet all environmental requirements.
 - Solve a problem.
 - Be cost-effective.

Cost Sharing Federal: 75 percent. Non-federal: 25 percent. Non-federal matches can mix cash and in-kind sources (for example labor or materials). The non-federal cost share usually cannot include other federal funds.

Applications Contact your local government to apply for an HMGP grant. Local governments should contact their [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#). The state selects eligible projects and sends them to the FEMA Regional Office for review. The time required for review depends on the complexity of the project. The state selects eligible projects and sends them to the FEMA Regional Office where they are reviewed for compliance with Federal laws and regulations. The time required for review depends on the complexity of the project.

More Sources and Contact Information

Federal Emergency Management Agency
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FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program

State Hazard Mitigation Officers (listed by state)
www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers

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