

Mitigation 404 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Eligible Uses

Hazard Mitigation Planning and Mitigation Projects

Overview (purpose, mechanisms)	<p>The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster declaration. The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act).</p> <p>Funds may be used to implement projects that will reduce or eliminate the losses from future disasters. Applicants must provide a long-term solution to a problem, for example, elevation of a home to reduce the risk of flood damages as opposed to purchasing sandbags and pumps to fight the flood. In addition, a project’s potential savings must be more than the cost of implementing the project. Funds may be used to protect either public or private property.</p>
Recipients	<p>Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding is only available to applicants that reside within a Presidentially declared disaster area. Eligible applicants are state, territorial, and tribal governments, and certain non-profits. Individual homeowners and businesses may not apply directly to the program, but a community may apply on their behalf as a subapplicant.</p>
Eligible Activities	<p>HMGP is authorized through a Presidential disaster declaration and can be made available throughout a state or only in specific jurisdictions, as requested by the Governor. Project subapplications must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria: (1) conform to the State’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, (2) provide a beneficial impact on the disaster area, (3) meet all environmental requirements, (4) solve a problem independently, and (5) be cost-effective.</p>
Cost Sharing	<p>FEMA can fund up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of each project. At a minimum, the State or grantee must provide the 25 percent non-Federal match, which can be fashioned from a combination of cash and in-kind sources. In general, the non-Federal cost share requirement may not be met with funds from other Federal agencies; however, authorizing statutes explicitly allow some Federal funds to be used as a cost share for other Federal grants.</p>
Application Requirements	<p>To apply to the HMGP, contact your local government to begin the application process. Local governments should contact their State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Once the state selects eligible projects, it forwards them to the FEMA Regional Office where they are reviewed to ensure compliance with Federal laws and regulations. The time required for the environmental review depends on the complexity of the project.</p>

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Additional Sources/Contact Information

Grants Implementation Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, DHS,
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FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm>

State Hazard Mitigation Officers (listed by state)

<http://www.fema.gov/about/contact/shmo.shtm>

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