

# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. When requested by an authorized representative, this grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster.

In this program, homeowners and businesses cannot apply for a grant. However, a local community may apply for funding on their behalf.

All state, local, tribal and territorial governments must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding for their hazard mitigation projects.

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# Eligible Risk Reduction Projects

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Hazard mitigation includes long-term efforts to reduce risk and the potential impact of future disasters. HMGP assists communities in rebuilding in a better, stronger, and safer way in order to become more resilient overall. The grant program can fund a wide variety of mitigation projects.

These can include:

## Planning & Enforcement

- Developing and adopting [hazard mitigation plans](#), which are [required for state, local, tribal and territorial governments](#) to receive funding for their hazard mitigation projects.
- Acquisition of hazard prone homes and businesses which enable owners to relocate to safer areas (acquisition).
- Post-disaster code enforcement.

## Flood Protection

- Protecting homes and businesses with permanent barriers to prevent floodwater from entering (levees, floodwalls, floodproofing).
- Elevating structures above known flood levels to prevent and reduce losses (elevation).
- Reconstructing a damaged dwelling on an elevated foundation to prevent and reduce future flood losses.
- Drainage improvement projects to reduce flooding (flood risk reduction projects).

## Retrofitting

- Structural retrofits to make a building more resistant to floods, earthquakes, wind, wildfire and other natural hazards.
- Retrofits to utilities and other infrastructure to enhance resistance to natural hazards (utility retrofits).

## Construction

- Construction of [safe rooms](#) for both communities and individual residences in areas prone to hurricane and tornado activity.
- Slope stabilization projects to prevent and reduce losses to structures.