FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

What Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants are available through FEMA?

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is available when authorized under a Presidential major disaster declaration. The amount of HMGP funding available is based upon the total Federal assistance to be provided by FEMA for disaster recovery under the Presidential major disaster declaration.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM) is funding appropriated by Congress each year. PDM grants provide resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program. Funding amounts are determined on an annual basis and competitive nationally.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA) is funding appropriated by Congress each year. FMA grants provide resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Funding amounts are determined on an annual basis and competitive nationally.

Who is eligible to apply?
- State agencies
- Federally-recognized tribes
- Local governments
- Private non-profits that provide an essential government services (HMGP Only)

NOTE: Homeowners cannot apply directly and will need to have an application sponsored and submitted by their local government.

How can I apply?
Please email mitigation@emd.sc.gov with your name, address, and phone number along with the project type you are interested in pursuing. This information will be compiled and provide to local government contacts in approximately 90 days.

When are the application deadlines?
- Hurricane Florence HMGP – September 16, 2019
- FY 2018 PDM – January 31, 2019
- FY 2018 FMA – January 31, 2019
What are the grant cost shares?

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What project types can mitigate flood risk to private homes?

**Acquisition** – The voluntary acquisition of an existing flood-prone structure and, typically, the underlying land, and conversion of the land to open space through the demolition of the structure.

**Elevation** – Physically raising the structure above the base flood elevation.

**Mitigation Reconstruction** - The construction of an improved, elevated building on the same site where an existing building and/or foundation has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed. Mitigation reconstruction is only permitted for structures outside of the regulatory floodway or Coastal High Hazard Area. Eligible construction costs are limited to a $150,000 Federal share per property. Other eligible project costs, such as permitting and design, can be covered with a 75% Federal share.

What does the process entail?
The process is entirely voluntarily and will involve submitting documentation requested by your local government representative as they work with you to develop the application.

How long does the process take?
This is a long-term program, not an immediate relief solution. The time from application to having your home acquired or elevated can take years.

Additional Resources:
- FEMA Homeowner’s Guide to HMGP
- FEMA Acquisition FAQ
- FEMA Homeowner’s Guide to Retrofitting

Who can I contact for additional information?
Please send questions and inquiries to mitigation@emd.sc.gov.