



## Guide for Citizens Seeking Mitigation Project Funding

*Are you interested in making your home or business safer against future disaster damage?*

Mitigation is the reduction and/or elimination of potential risk to life and/or property. Mitigation is a cost-effective way to avoid future damage from disasters such as flooding or high winds. Mitigation funding may be available, but each community is different in their selection process, and options may vary. Federal mitigation grant programs administered by the state include:

- [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#)
- [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)
- [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#)

Each program has different requirements and periods of availability. Local officials will have the best information on the programs applicable in your area. Typical departments in a community that may be able to assist residents in taking advantage of these mitigation funding programs may include:

- Local Grants Office
- Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group
- Local Office of Emergency Management
- Local Floodplain Management Office

Visit the link below and click on *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program* and find the contact for your county linked under *Primer for New Interested Applicants*.

### Important Points to Consider

- Individuals and businesses must apply through local government only. Eligible applicants include state agencies, tribal governments, local government/communities, and private non-profit organizations.
- With any given grant program, local residents could be required to pay up to 25% of the overall project cost.
- Individual residential mitigation projects can be grouped together with other similar projects under the same grant.
- Work with local officials to ensure that your project qualifies for mitigation grant funding.
- Mitigation grants are not emergency relief programs. They are a process to make communities more resilient to future disasters.

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