

# HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was created in November 1988, by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (amendments include the Hazard Mitigation and Relocation Assistance Act of 1993 and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000). The HMGP assists States and local communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration.

SINCE 1988, THE HMGP HAS BEEN PROVIDING STATES AND COMMUNITIES WITH THE RESOURCES TO INVEST IN LONG-TERM ACTIONS TODAY TO REDUCE THE TOLL FROM NATURAL HAZARDS TOMORROW.



Relocation project



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE HMGP?

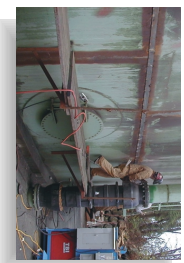
The program's objectives are to:

- Significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from severe natural hazards
- Provide funds to implement projects previously identified in State or local hazard mitigation plans
- Enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster

## WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS CAN BE FUNDED?

The HMGP can be used to fund projects to protect either public or private property, as long as the project fits within the state and local governments' overall mitigation strategy to address areas of risk and complies with program guidelines. Examples of projects include:

- Acquiring and relocating structures from hazard-prone areas.
- Retrofitting structures to protect them from floods, high winds, earthquakes, or other natural hazards
- Constructing certain types of minor and localized flood control projects
- Constructing safe rooms inside schools or other buildings in tornado-prone areas
- Developing State, local, or tribal mitigation plans



Seismic retrofit of water tanks

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Eligible applicants under the HMGP are:

- State and local governments
- Certain private non-profit organizations or institutions
- Indian tribes or authorized tribal organizations and Alaska native villages or organizations

Individuals and businesses may not apply directly to the State or FEMA, but eligible local governments or private non-profit organizations may apply on behalf of local citizens.

## HOW MUCH MONEY IS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE HMGP?

Federal funding under the HMGP is activated following a major disaster declaration. HMGP funds are based on 15% of the estimated Federal funds to be spent on the Public and Individual Assistance programs (minus administrative expenses) for each disaster. For example, if a disaster in your state resulted in FEMA providing \$10 million in disaster relief grants, \$1.5 million in HMGP funds would be made available to competing communities. States whose mitigation planning process meets enhanced criteria receive 20% funding.

These grant funds may be used to pay up to 75% of the eligible project costs. The non-federal match does not need to be cash; in-kind services or materials may be used.

## WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF COMMUNITIES, STATES, AND FEMA?

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is administered by the State. The mitigation planning and application development process begins at the local level. States prioritize local applications and select projects for funding.



### Community's/Applicant's role:

- Develops local mitigation plans
- Coordinates with and develops mitigation projects for the residents and businesses most at risk
- Submits project applications to the State
- Manages the implementation of the projects
- Maintains records and accounting information on projects

### AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROGRAM, STATES PLAY

#### A KEY ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE HMGP.

### State's role:

- Manages overall program within the State
- Develops State mitigation plans
- Establishes State mitigation priorities
- Conducts preliminary eligibility review of local applications and selects projects based on State priorities and available funds.
- Forwards selected projects to FEMA
- Ensures communities adhere to all program and administrative requirements
- Acts as grantee, receives and disburses funds, and monitors progress of projects
- Evaluates the effectiveness of approved measures

### FEMA's role:

- Provides programmatic oversight of the HMGP
- Keeps State apprised of available funding
- Conducts final eligibility review of projects selected and forwarded by the States
- Provides technical assistance to States and communities

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Eligible applicants must apply for the HMGP through the State, since the State is responsible for setting priorities for funding and administering the program. The applicant should contact the State Hazard Mitigation Officer for specific details. If you are an individual, business, or other organization, contact your local government officials and the State for more information.

## HOW ARE POTENTIAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED AND SELECTED FOR FUNDING?

After thoroughly reviewing project applications received from competing eligible applicants, the State selects the eligible projects that best meet the State's mitigation priorities. The State will then submit the selected projects to FEMA, in priority order. FEMA reviews the State's eligibility determination and ensures compliance with environmental laws, Executive orders, and all HMGP criteria. If the application is approved, the State begins grants management.



## WHERE CAN I OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION?

For more information on the HMGP, contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer or the FEMA office in your region. A listing of FEMA's Regional Offices is printed on the back of this brochure.

Detailed information about managing the program can be found in FEMA's HMGP Desk Reference, FEMA-345. To order a copy, call 1-800-480-2520. Or you can access the desk reference at [http://www.fema.gov/mit/hmgp\\_ref.htm](http://www.fema.gov/mit/hmgp_ref.htm). Regulations for the HMGP are published in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206, Subpart N.

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