



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

## ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Cities, Counties, Towns, Planning Districts, State Agencies, Tribal Government

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territory governments, as well as certain private non-profits, so that they can rebuild in a way that either reduces or mitigates future disaster-related losses in their communities. Unlike the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA) which is an annually-recurring grant opportunity, the grant funding through HMGP is made available following a presidentially declared disaster, and these funds must be requested by a governor or tribal executive in eligible communities in a state, tribe, or territory.

### APPLICATIONS OPEN

Following a presidentially declared disaster

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Typically, 6-9 months after the disaster declaration

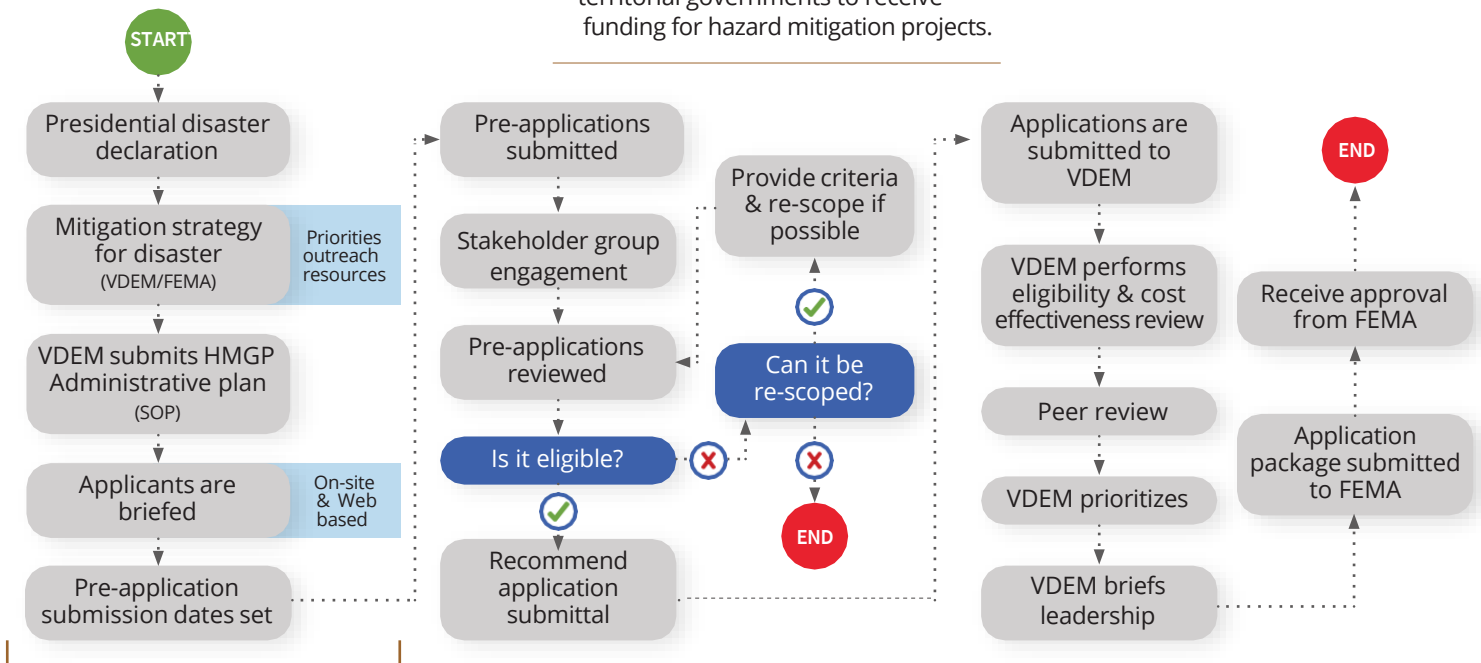


## Eligible Projects

- ✓ Retrofitting existing buildings to make them less susceptible to damage from a variety of natural hazards.
- ✓ Acquisition, Elevation, and Mitigation Reconstruction projects for private residential properties.
- ✓ Utility and infrastructure retrofits to reduce risk of failure caused by natural hazards.
- ✓ Drainage improvement projects to reduce potential for flood damage.
- ✓ Slope stabilization projects to reduce risk to people and structures.
- ✓ Using aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain and stream restoration, flood diversion and storage, or green infrastructure methods to reduce the impacts of flood and drought. 5% Initiative projects that promote and educate mitigation and warning systems for hazards.
- ✓ Developing and adopting hazard mitigation plans (HMPs), which are required for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to receive funding for hazard mitigation projects.

## Additional Eligibility Criteria

Following a disaster event, states, local governments, tribes and territories are required to perform a joint preliminary disaster assessment of the impacted area with FEMA. This helps determine if a major disaster declaration is warranted and the amount and type of federal assistance needed. The PDA also helps to identify potential mitigation opportunities for FEMA funding.



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