



Allowable Mitigation Projects

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.

Allowable or “fundable” FEMA projects under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) can address all natural hazards issues while the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA), the Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC) and the Severe Repetitive Loss Grant Program (SRL) address flood issues.

Allowable Mitigation Projects	FEMA HMA Programs				
	HMGP	FMA	PDM	RFC	SRL
Elevate and/or relocate flood-prone homes or businesses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acquire (and either demolish or relocate) flood-prone homes from willing owners and return the property to open space	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Retrofit and structural improvements to buildings to minimize damage from high winds, flooding, earthquakes, and other hazards	✓	✓	✓		
Planning grants to develop Flood and All Hazard Mitigation Plans	✓	✓	✓		
Develop or improve warning systems	✓				
Localized (minor) flood control projects that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation of culverts and floodgates • construction of retention and detention basins • upgrade culverts to bridges 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Protective measures for utilities	✓		✓		
Community-wide or system-wide storm water management projects	✓		✓		
Dry floodproofing measures for non-residential properties		✓		✓	✓
Construct safe rooms inside schools and other buildings in tornado prone areas	✓		✓		
Sand fencing and vegetation management for natural dune restoration, wildfire control, landslide or snow avalanche		✓	✓		
Beach nourishment		✓			
Hydrologic and hydraulic, engineering and drainage studies when part of a larger project			✓		

** All applications are subject to individual review and approval. Program guidance is available on the FEMA.gov website.*

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