Ineligible Elevation Costs

Certain structure elevation activities and their associated costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Ineligible costs for structure elevation include, but not limited to, the following:

- Elevating structures that were not in compliance with current NFIP standards at the time of construction
- Costs related to building additions or auxiliary structures
- Construction of new decks or porches
- Any improvements for purely aesthetic reasons, unless required by the EHP compliance review
- Costs to replace or repair utility service components that are undersized, inadequately designed, or unsafe, unless required by code (except utility rooms noted as eligible costs)
- Exterior finish on the exposed foundation of the elevated building, unless required by EHP compliance review and or local code
- Additional landscaping for ornamentation beyond what existed on the site prior to construction of the project (e.g., trees, shrubs)

In addition to the items above, the following list provides additional ineligible elevation costs.

- Interior concrete slabs
- New windows at ground level
- Interior stairs from ground level to first floor (unless it’s the only point of access from the exterior)
- Additional, new exterior doors at ground level
- Additional, new exterior doors to enter home at ground floor level
- Additional, new interior doors or windows
- Moving / relocating existing windows
- Replacing previous windows/doors/garage doors with new ones (instead of re-using previous ones)
- New garage created underneath home
- Creation of a new room over an existing garage
- Any additions /expansion of footprint, unless it is required, e.g. utilities \ mechanical room
- Changing/expanding current garage
- Expanding of entrance platforms for ingress\egress; unless required by code
- Expanded porches/decks
- Replacement of an old deck with a new one (deck may be elevated, not rebuilt)
- Upgraded materials – i.e. flooring, additional exterior lighting, masonry steps (instead of contractor grade)
- New or upgraded walkways
- Changing a regular door to a French door / sliding door
- Ground floor level: more than one light fixture, any electrical outlets, sheetrock/walls, etc.,
- Removal or creation of interior walls (exception: utilities \ mechanical room)
- Reframing \ Moving an interior room/closet
- Dividing current rooms:
  - Laundry/Utility/Bathroom becomes a separate Laundry and Bathroom
- Converting patios to decks
- Removal of existing trees/shrubs that are more than 4 feet away from home’s foundation unless necessary and reasonable
☐ Additional, new plantings even if required by local ordinance not part of original landscaping
☐ Topsoil or Sod – not damaged by elevation activities – reseeding allowable
☐ New roof over front porch/stoop
☐ Creation of new features; e.g. balcony
☐ Re-siding the entire house (or any exterior finish on the exposed foundation, unless required by EHP compliance review and/or local code)
☐ Realtor Fees for Temporary Housing
☐ Security Deposits for Temporary Housing
☐ Late fees for Temporary Housing
☐ Interest on Loans