

FEMA Awards \$2,670,712 Grant to the City of Euclid

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$2,670,712 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to the City of Euclid, Ohio, for the construction of a shoreline stabilization project to address existing erosion and prevent failure of structures on properties adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Erie.

"The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property," said James K. Joseph, regional administrator, FEMA Region V. "This floodwall will protect the shoreline of Lake Erie and adjacent properties, lessening the financial impact on individuals and the community."

"The City of Euclid has had numerous flood events which caused damage to properties, businesses and roads," said Sima Merick, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. "When this mitigation project is complete, the floodwall will greatly reduce or eliminate future flood damage to the city and reduce the number of flood insurance claims."

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through PDM, FEMA will pay 75 percent of the \$3,560,950 eligible project cost. The remaining 25 percent of the funds, \$890,238 will be provided by the city of Euclid.

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