FEMA Awards $2.2 Million to Village of Luck for Safe Room

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CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) announced today that the village of Luck, Wisc., has been awarded $2,221,811 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to develop a multi-use community safe room. This safe room will provide safe space from severe wind and tornadic events for the entire student body and staff of Luck Public Schools, as well as hundreds of surrounding residents.

"FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs are an important resource to reduce disaster risks across the country," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "While we can't stop tornadoes, we can build secure, easily accessible safe rooms that can help keep Wisconsinites safe from harm."

"When severe storms and tornadoes develop, it is essential that people know they have access to a safe place to seek shelter until the danger passes," said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator. "Wisconsin thanks FEMA for this critical funding, which will help ensure the future safety of the students and residents of Luck."

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. This year marks the end of the PDM program, which will be replaced by the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (BRIC). To learn more about BRIC or FEMA's other Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, visit www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation.

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