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The Manage Appeals functionality is not yet available in NEMIS HMGP. For the manual Appeals process for disasters declared on or after June 1, 2010, please refer to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance in effect at the time of the disaster declaration. For disasters declared on or after June 1, 2009, and prior to June 1, 2010, please refer to the [FY10 Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Unified Guidance](#). For disasters declared prior to June 1, 2009, please refer to the [HMGP Desk Reference](#). You may also request guidance from your Regional Mitigation office.

## PUBLICATION OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPEALS DATABASE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces the availability of the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP) Appeals Database.

The [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) provides grants to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

An eligible applicant may appeal any FEMA determination regarding applications submitted for funding under the HMGP. The appeal process allows applicants to request a reconsideration of the decision in conformity with program requirements. There are two levels of appeals. The Regional Administrator decides first appeals. If FEMA denies the appeal at the Regional Administrator's level, the applicant may submit a second appeal to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation at FEMA Headquarters. If FEMA approves an appeal, FEMA will take the appropriate action to implement the decision. If the second appeal is denied, the decision is final.

To provide an effective means to research and track appeals, FEMA developed a web-based database that can be accessed online. The online Appeals Database is a searchable database containing FEMA responses to applicant appeals for assistance. The database houses HMGP second appeal records since 1988 and first level appeals since the release of the FY2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance guidance. In 2011, FEMA started monitoring first appeals made in the regions. The purpose of the database is to inform the public on how program requirements are applied. The database can be accessed at: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/hmgp-appeals>.

For more information on the terms used in the appeals database and a brief summary of the basic program elements, users can reference the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Digest](#).

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance datasets are also available through [OpenFEMA](#).