

How can I apply for HMGP?

HMGP funding may be available after a Presidential major disaster declaration and the amount of funding will vary. States, territories, or federally-recognized tribal governments administer the program and prioritize projects. Because HMGP funding is limited, they must make difficult decisions as to the most effective use of grant funds. After reviewing project eligible applicants to determine if they meet the program's requirements, the states, territories, or federally-recognized tribal governments forward the applications to FEMA for review and approval.

FEMA awards the HMGP funds to the states, territories, or federally recognized tribes, which disburses those funds to its eligible applicants. Generally the local governments are

responsible for implementing projects and are required to follow all federal, state and local procurement procedures as well as meet codes and standards.

Homeowners may start their projects once notified by their local/tribal/state government official. Work started prior to FEMA review and approval is ineligible for funding.

Please contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer, or federally-recognized tribal/local government official to obtain additional or specific information on the HMGP application in your area. FEMA maintains a list of State Hazard Mitigation Officers at www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers.



Project example: House Elevation – Freeport, New York



1. Disaster Strikes

The President of the United States declares a disaster for the State or tribal government and Federal disaster aid becomes available. For a list of major disaster declarations, please visit www.fema.gov/disasters.

2. Who to Contact

Generally, homeowners can contact their State/local emergency management department to find their mitigation officer. In some cases, the State/tribal/local emergency management department advertises information on mitigation opportunities through:

- Town hall meetings
- Local papers
- Media outlets (radio, televisions, billboards, etc.)
- State/local websites

3. What Can HMGP Do for Me?

Homeowners can refer to www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program for information on project types and general program requirements. Be sure your community wants to participate in HMGP in order to submit a grant application to FEMA.

4. Apply for the HMGP

Applying for HMGP funding is voluntary. Homeowners should consider their options to apply for HMGP assistance, mitigate their homes using other funding sources, or not mitigate.

5. Application Development

Generally, local governments develop and submit applications. The applications are prioritized by the State, territory, or federally-recognized tribal government, which then submits to FEMA. The HMGP application process may take several months.

6. FEMA Review

FEMA reviews the submitted applications for: eligibility, cost-effectiveness, feasibility, and environmental laws and regulations that may impact the project. The applications that meet these program requirements may be approved based on funding availability.

7. Project Implementation

FEMA awards funds for approved projects to the State, territory, or federally-recognized tribe, which disburses the funds to its local governments. Homeowners may start their projects once notified by their State/tribal/local government official.

8. Project Completion

FEMA reviews and verifies that the project meets all of the program's and Federal grant management requirements.