

AdventHealth Granted \$1.1M to Ensure Safety After an Earthquake

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted \$1.1 million to AdventHealth to earthquake retrofit White Memorial Medical Center (WMMC).

Located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, WMMC provides critical healthcare services to vulnerable populations in the communities of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. It also serves the area as a Pediatric Medical Center, with specialized physicians and resources to treat pediatric patients. WMMC's ability to remain operational following a major seismic event is essential in order to provide lifesaving and life-sustaining services to patients and residents.

The grant will fund structural and nonstructural seismic improvements to the east and south towers of WMMC. The east tower will receive structural improvements that reinforce existing concrete walls, install new foundation footings, and retrofit interior structural and non-structural utilities and equipment. South tower improvements will anchor and brace equipment and utilities in several areas from the basement to the roof.

Completion of the retrofit will ensure WMMC staff and patient safety during a large earthquake and allow its facilities to continue providing uninterrupted acute care afterward.

The \$1.4 million project includes a \$1.1 million grant from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), with the remaining \$365,000 from non-federal sources.

FEMA's HMGP helps states, territories, federally-recognized tribes, local communities, and certain private, non-profit organizations become more resilient to potential infrastructure damage and reduce future disaster costs. In the past 31 years, FEMA has invested nearly \$1.4 billion to reduce disaster risk in California.



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