
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Project Eligibility for Private Nonprofit Houses of Worship under Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

amended Section 102(11), an eligible applicant may submit an application on behalf of a house of worship for any eligible mitigation project under PDM or FMA.

Policy Changes: An eligible mitigation activity for a house of worship is no longer limited to projects that benefit the whole community such as property acquisition and structure demolition or relocation. Eligible mitigation projects may include those projects that primarily benefit the house of worship.

This policy clarification amends the HMA Guidance, published February 27, 2015. This change is effective for all assistance provided in response to major disasters declared on or after August 23, 2017, or for any application for assistance under the PDM or FMA programs that was pending before FEMA as of February 9, 2018.⁵

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⁵ Section 20604(c) states the section is applicable to assistance provided in response to a major disaster or emergency declared on or after August 23, 2017, or with respect to any application for assistance that is pending before FEMA as of the date of enactment of the Bipartisan Budget Act, i.e., February 9, 2018.