

Tribal Hazard Mitigation Planning Training

This fact sheet provides an overview of FEMA’s new independent study course, IS-350: Tribal Hazard Mitigation Planning Training.

Training Overview

Hazard mitigation planning helps tribal governments to understand natural hazard risks and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment. IS-350: Tribal Mitigation Planning Training is designed to provide a full overview of the benefits of mitigation planning and the planning process for tribal governments. It’s based on FEMA’s Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide (2017) and Tribal Mitigation Planning Handbook (2019). The 10 modules in the training cover the planning process from start to finish. The training is hosted by the Emergency Management Institute and can be found at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=is-350>.

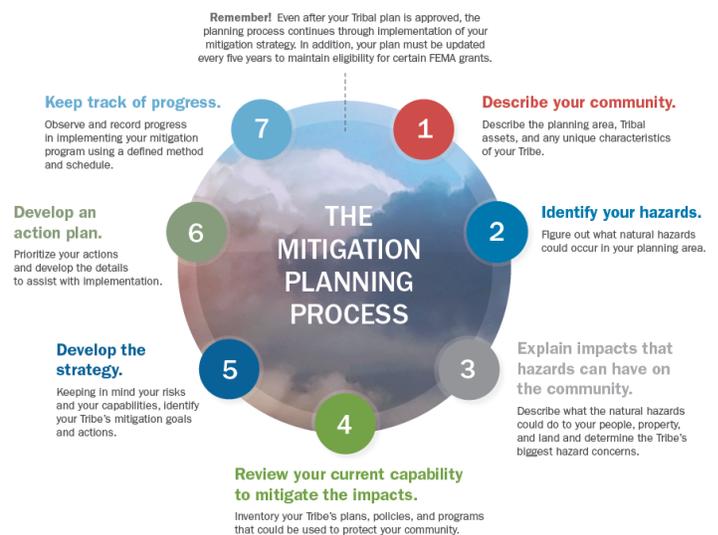
Purpose and Organization

The goal of this course is to provide tribal officials, planners, emergency managers, and other partners with the information necessary to prepare and implement a tribal hazard mitigation plan. The emphasis is on getting the right people to the table and working through the full planning process. The training is designed to help participants understand how to effectively prepare a hazard mitigation plan that complies with FEMA requirements and how to implement mitigation actions in their communities.

Learning Objectives

After completing this training, participants will be able to describe:

- How to organize the hazard mitigation planning process and engage community members.
- How to identify at-risk community assets and hazards as they relate to risk assessment.
- The steps involved in identifying vulnerabilities, the impacts of those vulnerabilities, and the process for assessing risk.
- How to assess capabilities of the community relevant to mitigation.



The Tribal Mitigation Planning Process



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- The process for developing a mitigation strategy and actions that reflect the results of the risk assessment and capabilities of the community.
- How to maintain a hazard mitigation plan.
- The process for implementing a hazard mitigation plan.
- The available mitigation funding and assistance.

Course Audience

This training is for tribal government officials, planners, and other partners who are involved in the development of a tribal hazard mitigation plan.

Why Take This Course?

Planners are an important connection to how tribal communities grow and develop. By keeping hazards in mind, they can:

- Identify policies and actions that will reduce the risk of damage and loss.
- Improve the welfare of their people and communities.
- Enhance the ability to recover from disasters.
- Establish partnerships for community resilience.

In addition, a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is required for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) projects. These HMA programs include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and Flood Mitigation Assistance. Tribes can apply directly to FEMA for assistance as “applicants” or through a state as “sub-applicants.” For more information, including eligibility information for individual grant programs, visit [Mitigation Planning and Grants](#).

Resources and Additional Information

FEMA provides a variety of guidance, tools and resources to help tribes develop their hazard mitigation plan.

- [Hazard mitigation planning regulations and guidance](#), in particular, [FEMA's Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide \(2017\)](#), direct the development of tribal mitigation plans.
- [The Tribal Mitigation Planning Grant Application Development Job Aid](#) guides tribes through the process of completing an HMA planning grant application or subapplication that results in a FEMA-approved mitigation plan that is complete and actionable.
- Visit [Create a Plan](#) for available mitigation planning resources and information on virtual and in-person mitigation planning training.
- [FEMA's Tribal Affairs](#) office connects tribal partners to FEMA points of contact and provides [tribal mitigation resources](#). Tribal partners may also contact their [Regional Tribal Liaison](#) for assistance.
- The regulatory section that establishes requirements for tribal mitigation plans is located at [44 Code of Federal Regulations §201.7 Tribal Mitigation Plans](#)