

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION regarding FEMA Public Assistance Hazard Mitigation Funding

The mission of FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program is to provide support for State, local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) stakeholders to respond to and recover from major disasters. Under the PA Program, Applicants may apply for hazard mitigation funding to increase the resilience of disaster-damaged facilities. Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects.

The purpose of [PA Mitigation](#) funding (also referred to 406 Mitigation) under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is to provide assistance for cost-effective hazard mitigation measures that reduce the potential for future damage to a facility from a disaster event (PA Mitigation is added onto codes and standards upgrade requirements).

Please provide feedback on how your community has used PA Mitigation funding in the past, challenges you have faced attempting to utilize PA Mitigation funds, and how FEMA can increase use of PA Mitigation funding in the future.

1. What types of natural hazards does your community experience? (Select all that apply, hold down ctrl to select multiple options.)

Hurricane	Tornado	Severe storm
High water	Wind-driven water	Tidal wave
Tsunami	Earthquake	Volcanic eruption
Landslide	Mudslide	Snowstorm
Drought	Wildfire	Other:

2. Has your community used PA Mitigation funding during disaster recovery in the past?
 - a. If yes: What mitigation measure(s) did you use with PA Mitigation funding?
 - b. If no: What were the reason(s) for not using PA Mitigation funding in the past?
3. Are there hazard mitigation measure(s) your community wanted to fund with PA Mitigation but were not able to? (To both yes/no from previous)
 - a. If yes, what was the mitigation measure(s)?
 - b. If no, why were you not able to use PA Mitigation? (Select all that apply, hold down the ctrl key to select multiple options.)

4. Does your state/tribe/territory provide funding for the cost share on PA Mitigation projects?

Yes

No

a. If yes, what percentage is covered?

FEMA's [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) provides a broad overview of PA Mitigation, including methods for determining cost-effectiveness. The PAPPG's Appendix J provides a list of mitigation measures that are considered cost-effective if the measures do not exceed 100% of the eligible repair costs. When an Applicant chooses a mitigation measure not in Appendix J, it must use FEMA-approved [Benefit-Cost Analysis \(BCA\)](#) methodologies and tools — such as the [BCA Toolkit](#) — to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of their project.

5. Are there FEMA policies that limit your use of PA Mitigation?

Yes

No

a. If yes, please specify in red box below.

6. Are there hazard mitigation measure(s) that your community has considered or pursued that are not currently in Appendix J of the PAPPG?

Yes

No

a. If yes, please provide details in the red box below.

7. What mitigation measures should FEMA consider adding to Appendix J of the PAPPG? Provide your response in the box below.

8. For any proposed mitigation measures identified in Questions 6 and 7, please describe any existing analysis of cost-effectiveness or any studies you have done to prove cost-effectiveness without a full BCA. (Please provide response in the box below.)

9. Has your community developed alternative strategies, tools, or methods outside of FEMA's traditional [BCA Toolkit](#), to illustrate cost-effectiveness for mitigation measures? If so, please describe your process in the box below.

10. What can FEMA do to encourage more PA Applicants, particularly those with fewer resources or experienced personnel, to us PA Mitigation Funding?

11. Has your community used [nature-based solutions](#) (e.g. green infrastructure, such as live crib walls, bioswales, living shorelines, or vegetated slope stabilization) to repair, restore or rebuild facilities, such as buildings, bridges, roads, wastewater facilities, drainage facilities, etc.? Type response in red box below after selection.

If, what kind?

If no, why not?

12. What hazard mitigation measures that are nature-based solutions, would increase the resilience of your community to climate change? Provide response in box below.