Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program and Application Overview
What is hazard mitigation?

Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from a natural hazard event.
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

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Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirement

**Applicants**
Must have a FEMA approved State or Tribal (Standard or Enhanced) Mitigation Plan

**Subapplicants**
Must have a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan at time of project obligation **and** it must also be in effect by application deadline
FEMA can fund up to 75 percent of the eligible costs of each project. The state or grantee must provide a 25 percent match, which can come from a combination of cash and in-kind sources.

Funding from other federal sources cannot be used for the 25 percent share with one exception:

- Funding provided to states under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development can be used to meet the non-federal share requirement.

Funds may be used to protect either public or private property or to purchase property that has been subjected to, or is in danger of, repetitive damage.
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Ineligible Activities

- Projects that do not reduce the risk to people, structures, or infrastructure
- Projects that are dependent on another phase of a project in order to be effective
- Projects for which actual physical work has occurred prior to award
- Projects constructing new buildings or facilities
- Projects that address operation, deferred or future maintenance, repairs, or replacement
- Studies not directly related to design and implementation of a proposed project
- Preparedness measures and response equipment
FMA Eligible Properties

- Property owners must have a flood insurance policy that is:
  - Current as of the opening day of the application period
  - Maintained through award and implementation
- Structures that remain in SFHA must maintain flood insurance for the life of the structure
FMA – Severe Repetitive Loss (100% Fed)

- A **severe repetitive loss property** is a structure that:
  - (a) Is NFIP-insured, and
  - (b) Has incurred flood related damage –
    - (i) For which 4 or more separate claims payments (includes building and contents) have been made, with each exceeding $5,000
    - or
    - (ii) For which at least 2 separate claims payments (includes only building) have been made under such coverage, with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the market value of the insured structure
A repetitive loss property is a structure that:

(a) Is NFIP-insured, and

(b) Has incurred flood related damage –

(i) For which at least 2 separate claims payments in which the cost of the repair, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event

and

(ii) For which at the time of the second incidence of flood-related damage, the contract for flood insurance contains increased cost of compliance coverage
CALIFORNIA APPLICATION PROCESS

- Notice Of Intent (NOI) period
- Review & Ranking
- Application Submission (to State)
- Application Development
- Grant Submission (to FEMA)
- FEMA review and evaluation
- Grant Award
- Project Work (Period of Performance)
- Grant Closeout
Project Application Elements

- Scope of Work (SOW)
- Schedule
- Cost Estimate/Budget
- Cost Effectiveness
- Decision-making Process
- Damage History
- Property/Facility Data
- Engineering Feasibility
- Environmental/Historic Preservation
HMA Guidance – 23 Job Aids

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