FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is federal assistance to state, tribal, or territorial governments triggered by a presidential declaration of a major disaster or a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG), pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (“Stafford Act”). HMGP is funded through the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF), with the primary purpose of ensuring that repair and reconstruction efforts following a disaster address opportunities to include mitigation measures designed to reduce the loss of life and property from future disasters.

Award funding is available through a state, tribal, or territorial emergency management departments via a formula-based determination and is subject to a sliding scale – for nearly all Presidentially-declared events, HMGP funding available is 15% of projected aggregate response and recovery costs.

State, local, tribal, and territorial governments must develop hazard mitigation plans to be eligible for funding under the Stafford Act. Eligible projects fall under Planning and Enforcement (including post-disaster code enforcement), Flood Protection, Retrofitting, and Construction. HMGP funds can be utilized for any eligible activity related to any hazard type, regardless of the specific disaster declaration or geographic location. Brick and mortar HMGP projects must adhere to either of the two most recent editions of the International Building Code (IBC).

Example of Current Disaster Declarations:

- Declared Disasters
- Major Disaster Declaration for Tennessee Approved
BRIC Building Code Activities

The amount of HMGP funding available to the applicant is based on the estimated total federal assistance, subject to the sliding scale formula that FEMA provides for disaster recovery for each disaster declaration. The formula provides for:

- Up to 15% of the first $2 billion of estimated aggregate amounts of disaster assistance.
- Up to 10% for amounts between $2 billion and $10 billion.
- Up to 7.5% for amounts between $10 billion and $35.333 billion.

Covered Activities

- Post-disaster Code Enforcement
- Wildfire Mitigation
- Structural And Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities
- Wind Retrofits of One- and Two-family Residences
- Pre-award Costs and Management Costs

Application Deadline:
Check with your Hazard Mitigation Officer