Pennsylvania Coastal Resiliency



FEMA Grants

FEMA offers three types of Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and Flood Mitigation Assistance. In order to be eligible for these grants, communities must have a FEMA-approved and adopted hazard mitigation plan. Additionally, the proposed project *must* be identified as a mitigation action in the hazard mitigation plan.

Both Delaware and Bucks counties updated their hazard mitigation plans in 2016, with Philadelphia updating its plan in 2017. Most, if not all, of the DECZ municipalities adopted their respective county's hazard mitigation plan, making them eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation funding.

In addition to mitigation grants, FEMA has other grant programs, which can be used to complete some identified mitigation actions. Some details of these grants are in the table below.

Grant	Description	Cost Share	Examples of Projects
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Funding for long-term hazard mitigation measures <i>following</i> major disaster declarations	75 percent federal share; 25 percent non-federal share	 Acquisition and demolition of structures in hazard-prone areas Relocation of structures in hazard-prone areas Floodproofing and elevation of structures Minor structural improvements
Pre-Disaster Mitigation	Annually funded, nationwide, competitive grant program to assist with the implementation of a sustained pre-disaster hazard mitigation program	75 percent federal share; 25 percent non-federal share	 Vegetation management Protective measures for utilities, water, and sanitary sewer systems Stormwater management and localized flood control projects Hazard mitigation plans

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Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)	Annually funded, pre-disaster mitigation program funded via the NFIP to mitigate flood-damaged properties to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP. In 2017, FMA included funding for community level flood mitigation projects, including advance planning work and the implementation of natural floodplain restoration.	75 percent federal share; Severe Repetitive Loss properties have priority (100 percent federal share) and Repetitive Loss properties also favored (90 percent federal share)	 Stormwater Management Floodplain and stream restoration Wetland restoration/creation Elevation of NFIP-insured buildings Acquisition and demolition of NFIP-insured buildings Relocation of NFIP-insured buildings Only NFIP-insured homes and businesses are eligible
406 Public Assistance Grant Program	Post-disaster funding	75 percent federal share	Repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster- damaged publicly owned facilities
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Pre-disaster funding	50 percent federal share	Emergency planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, construction, and renovation

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