

# Potential Funding Sources for Mitigation Action

A fundamental part of hazard mitigation planning is to identify sources for funding to implement projects and spur action. There are many sources for potential funding of mitigation actions. Some, like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation grants, are commonly known, while others are not widely considered for mitigation action. The tables below identify potential funding sources, with information about each grant program. This is not a comprehensive list; communities are encouraged to seek out additional funding sources that may be related to a particular mitigation action. Just as communities should take a holistic approach to hazard mitigation planning, they should also holistically seek synergies between mitigation, planning, and funding sources. Communities are encouraged to coordinate with their county Planning Department, county Office of Emergency Management, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Floodplain Manager, and Silver Jackets to identify additional funding sources relevant to the identified project.

## FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

There are three types of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). In order to be eligible for these grants, applicant communities **must** have a FEMA approved and adopted hazard mitigation plan. This requirement can be satisfied either by developing and adopting an individual municipality plan, or by participating in the planning process and adopting the county plan. Additionally, the proposed project **must** be identified as a mitigation action in the hazard mitigation plan.

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% federal share; 25% non-federal share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition and demolition of structures in hazard prone areas</li> <li>• Relocation of structures in hazard prone areas</li> <li>• Flood proofing and elevation of structures</li> <li>• Minor structural improvements</li> </ul>
Pre-Disaster Mitigation	Annually funded, nationwide, competitive grant program to assist with the implementation of a sustained pre-disaster hazard mitigation program	75% federal share; 25% non-federal share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation management</li> <li>• Protective measures for utilities, water, and sanitary sewer systems</li> <li>• Stormwater management and localized flood control projects</li> <li>• Hazard Mitigation Plans</li> </ul>
Flood Mitigation Assistance	Annually funded, pre-disaster mitigation program Funded via the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to mitigate flood damaged properties to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP	75% federal share; Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) properties have priority (100% federal share) and Repetitive Loss (RL) properties also favored (90% federal share)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevation of NFIP-insured buildings</li> <li>• Acquisition and demolition of NFIP-insured buildings</li> <li>• Relocation of NFIP-insured buildings</li> </ul> <p><i>Only NFIP insured homes and businesses are eligible</i></p>

## FEMA Non-Mitigation Grants

In addition to mitigation related 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	Funding Cycle	Cost Share	Description
406 Public Assistance Grant Program	Post-disaster funding	75% federal share	The repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly owned facilities
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Pre-disaster funding	50% federal share	Emergency planning, operations, equipment acquisitions, training, exercises, construction, and renovation

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## Other Federal Grants

In addition to FEMA grants, there are other federal agencies who offer pre- and post-disaster funding and programs, which can be used to reduce risk in communities. Some details of these grants are in the table below.

Grant/Program	Administrator	Funding Cycle	Description
Community Development Block Grants – Disaster Recovery	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Post-disaster; availability is subject to Congress appropriation	Flexible grants to local municipalities, counties, and states to facilitate recovery from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas
Floodplain Management Services Program	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Program available to communities upon request, funding determined by need and scope of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Technical Services – develop or interpret site-specific data on obstructions to flood flows, flood formation and timing, and the extent, duration, and frequency of flooding; identify flood plain resources; and identify potential flood loss estimates</li> <li>• General Planning Guidance – conduct “Special Studies” on all aspects of floodplain management</li> </ul>

## Pennsylvania Grants

Agencies in Pennsylvania offer grants that can be used to reduce risk in communities. Two potential funding sources, and some details of these grants, are included in the table below.

Grant	Administrator	Funding Cycle	Description
Keystone Historic Preservation Program	PA Historical and Museum Commission	Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction Grants – maintenance and repair of historic properties</li> <li>• Project Grants – historic site surveys, archaeological surveys, feasibility studies, and historic structure reports</li> </ul>
Growing Greener	PA Department of Environmental Protection	Annual	Funds projects that protect or improve water quality by mitigating non-point sources, including agricultural, urban runoff, and abandoned mine drainage

## New Jersey Grants

Agencies in New Jersey offer grants that can be used to reduce risk in communities. Two potential funding sources, and some details of these grants, are included in the table below.

Grant	Administrator	Description
Blue Acres Program	NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	Provides funding for acquisition of flood-prone properties
Green Acres Program	NJ DEP	Provides acquisitions grants to create permanent public open space
Community Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program	NJ Forest Fire Service	Delivers National Fire Plan funding directly to organizations, up to \$5,000, to reduce vulnerability of communities to damage by wildfire, identify at-risk wildland-urban interface areas, increase community awareness of wildfire issues, and develop a wildfire risk reduction strategy.

# Hazard Mitigation Planning Wheel County Worksheet

Counties and communities can use the five-year Hazard Mitigation Planning Wheel to identify areas of improvement in their hazard mitigation capabilities, and to identify how they will reflect these enhanced capabilities in their next Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Use the blank Planning Wheel below to identify tasks your county and communities can accomplish to enhance your capabilities and Hazard Mitigation Plan.

