

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

A roadmap for home acquisition, demolition, elevation or mitigation



FEMA



The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) provides funding for communities to reduce the impact of future disasters. There are a wide range of eligible activities, including voluntary activities on private property like elevation, relocation and acquisition/demolition. This timeline is intended to cover private property activities. The standard period of performance for HMGP is 4 years.

1. Application

12–18 months

national average: 15.5 months



Letter of Interest

After a federal disaster is declared, local officials and property owners discuss vulnerable properties and submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to PEMA.

State Outreach & Technical Assistance

Potential applicants receive technical assistance to review eligibility and prepare a complete application.

Project Submission

PEMA submits the HMGP application(s) to FEMA on the community's behalf.

2. Project Review

6–9 months

*depending on type and complexity of request

FEMA Project Review Begins

Overall review time depends on the complexity of the application. Multiple properties can be included within one project.

Eligibility Review

FEMA programmatically reviews for eligibility, completeness, technical feasibility, and cost-effectiveness.

Subject Matter Expert (SME) Review

May include reviews by engineers, technical and EHP experts.

Compliance Review

FEMA reviews projects for environmental, historic, and cultural impacts. Potential significant impacts may extend the review timeline.



AVOID DELAYS!

Throughout the review process, grants staff may send **Requests for Information** (RFIs) to the State for clarification. Each time FEMA issues an RFI, states have 30 days to respond to allow time to coordinate with local communities. The more complete an application from the beginning, the faster the overall review process.

3. Award Allocation

1–3 months

Note: awards over \$1M add 2–4 weeks



Application Approval

Proposals that meet all program requirements are approved, and an **HMGP grant is awarded to PEMA**.

Funds Obligated to State

FEMA sends award letter confirming grant funding to PEMA, who then works with the municipality to begin project execution. Note: The state receives all grant funds and is responsible for distribution to the municipal subapplicant.



4. Project Execution

18–24 months

Note: local community leads project execution phase



Work Begins, Permits Secured

PEMA conducts Fiscal Briefing and executes State/Municipal grant agreement. Municipalities need to secure proper permits for hazard mitigation work and comply with all conditions of the award.

Property Owner Receives \$

Municipality completes structure walk-through and Homeowner receives funds at successful closing.

Project Completion and Future Protection

PEMA ensures demolished properties are protected from future development and that properties are maintained.