



Mitigation Planning

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FEMA

Why Develop a Mitigation Plan?

Hazard mitigation planning leads to action that will reduce long-term risk from natural hazards using a wide range of resources

- Creates a roadmap for saving lives, protecting property and your cultural heritage into the future.
- An approved plan, carves a pathway to certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance funds.
- Prepares you before a disaster and positions you to recover more quickly after a disaster because the hazards, capabilities, and mitigation actions are documented and ready to be acted on.

Grant Programs Available with Approved HMP

A FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is required for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation grants and Public Assistance permanent work.

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) + Post-Fire (HMGP-PF)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG)
- Public Assistance Categories C-G (PA C-G)

Timing of Plans

Hazard mitigation plans are approved on a **five-year basis**, though activities take place throughout the lifecycle of a plan.

American Samoa's plan expires in 2025, which means the implementation of the plan is occurring now.



Remember! Even after your Tribal plan is approved, the planning process continues through implementation of your mitigation strategy. In addition, your plan must be updated every five years to maintain FEMA grant eligibility.



Planning Resources

- State Mitigation Plan Review Guide**
- State Mitigation Key Topic Bulletins
- Mitigation Ideas Booklet
- Plus many more hazard specific resources, if you have a questions – just ask your planner for tips about places to find information!

