

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Massachusetts Emergency
Management Agency
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What is Hazard Mitigation?

- Providing increased level of protection that will reduce or eliminate risk
- Adapting to natural hazards
- Protecting people, structures and infrastructure from future hazards
- Maintaining consistency with resiliency and sustainability principles
- Minimizing the costs of disaster response and recovery
- Saving lives and money!

SMART INVESTING MITIGATION SAVES



Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2017 Interim Report
nibs.org/mitigationsaves



Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

- Funding for projects that reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Community must participate in NFIP
- Nationwide Competitive Review Process
- Announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Statement of Interest due **May 29, 2026**
- Subapplications due to **MEMA July 7, 2026**

FY24 (Amendment)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

- Flood mitigation funding for states, tribal governments, and local communities/special district governments
- Establishes an annual national competitive award announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - \$600 Million available nationwide
 - Projects can be up to 36 months
 - Project funding limits
 - \$50 Million (Federal Share) for construction projects
 - \$900,000 scoping projects
 - \$300,000 additional C&CB activities
 - (partnership development, enhance local floodplain management, SRL/RL strategy , SD procedures, CRS, etc)
 - \$25,000 local mitigation plans

Hazard Mitigation Planning



Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

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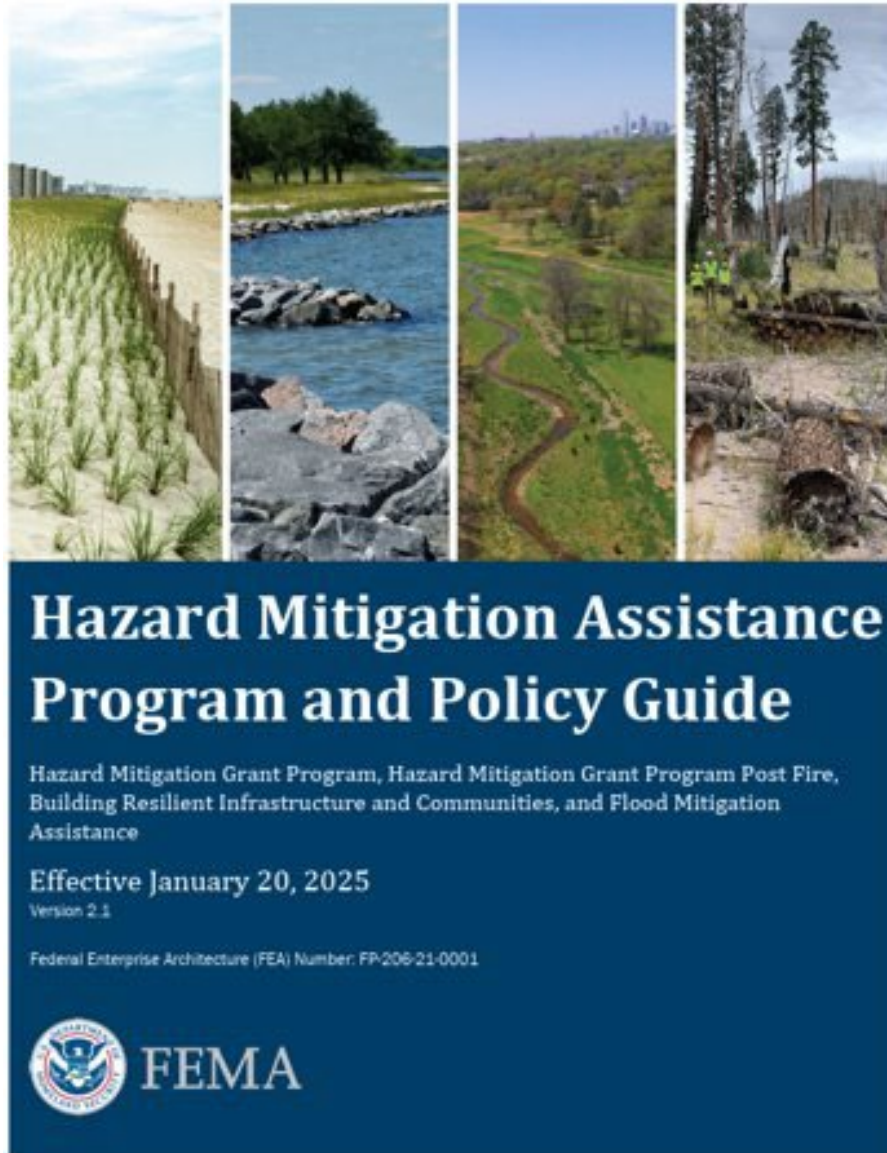
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- First phase in the mitigation process
- Helps establish mitigation strategy and outline priorities for identifying mitigation activities
- Identifies potential projects relative to hazard risk
- **An approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is required in order to apply for BRIC or FMA funding (at application deadline and at award).**

Hazard Mitigation Program and Policy Guide



Eligible Activities (project types)

Mitigation Projects	
	Property Acquisition
	Structure Elevation
	Mitigation Reconstruction
	Flood Risk Reduction Measures
	Stabilization
	Floodproofing
	Retrofitting
	Aquifer Recharge, Storage and Recovery
	Innovative Mitigation Projects
Capability and Capacity Building Projects	
	New Hazard Mitigation Plans
	Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates
	Planning Related Activities
	Project Scoping / Advance Assistance
	Financial Technical Assistance
	Partnerships
	Innovative Capability and Capacity Building

What is NOT Eligible for HMA?

- Projects that do not reduce the risk to people, structures, or infrastructure.
- Projects that are dependent on another action to be effective.
- Projects which are considered repair, deferred maintenance, or replacement of existing infrastructure.
- Preparedness measures and response equipment.
- Projects where actual physical work has already started.
- Projects located in Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) Units or in otherwise protected areas (OPAs), other than property acquisition.
- Projects that involve land that is contaminated with hazardous waste.
- Projects that primarily address ecological or agricultural issues.

HMA Project Requirements



Mitigate a Natural Hazard



Demonstrates an increase in Level of Protection (LOP)



Feasible to Implement

Regulatory
Design
Construction



Cost Effective



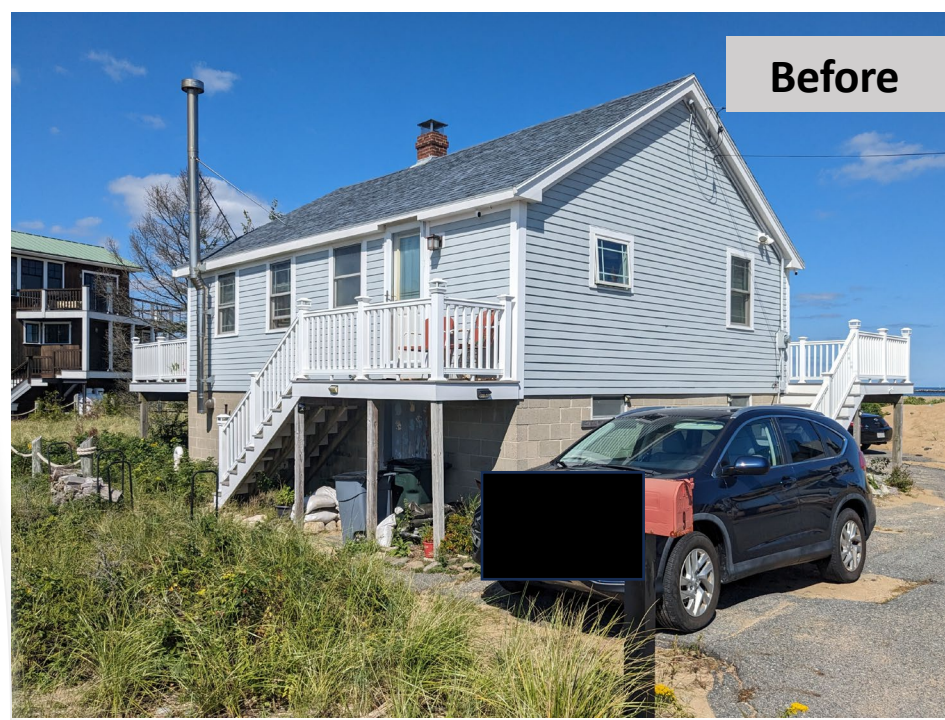
Must comply with Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP)

Questions



Structure Acquisition: Newburyport

- Structure acquisition is a voluntary program where local governments purchase flood-prone properties.
- Property is demolished and converted to permanent open space to reduce future flood risk.
- These projects are designed to break the cycle of disaster damage.
- Funded through HMGP.



Structure Elevation: Scituate

- Structure elevation is identified as a hazard mitigation strategy.
- Homes must be structurally sound in order to elevate.
- Must meet NFIP, MSBC & ASCE 24-24 standards.
- Funded through FMA.

Before



After



Flood Resiliency Retrofit: Hull

This project will elevate critical electrical assets at the Hull Wastewater Pollution Control Facility to an elevation above current flood levels and taking future-conditions into account.

Project is underway and being funded through the HMGP program.



Non-Federal Cost Share



- Cost share is typically 25% of the total project for cost.
- Individual Flood Mitigation Projects may have increased Federal funding (depending on RL/SRL status).
- Non-Federal cost share may include:
 - Local, state, or private cash payments (MVP Funding, Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Funding, etc.)
 - For private homes, if there is a cost share, it would come from the homeowner
 - In-Kind Contributions (labor, equipment, materials, etc.)

What you need to know about FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants:



MEMA is the conduit for applications and funding to and from FEMA. MEMA manages the State Contracts/Grant Awards.



The process from grant application to grant award can take several months to a year (or longer) - please be prepared.



It is the sub-applicant's responsibility to maintain, and keep current, their local hazard mitigation plan for eligibility.



It is the subrecipient's responsibility to ensure that proper procurement is undertaken for projects which use federal funds.

Procurement (2 CFR 200)

Additional Procurement
Information

[www.fema.gov/grants/
procurement](http://www.fema.gov/grants/procurement)

- All applicants must adhere to federal, state, and local procurement standards, whichever is most stringent.
- Procurement methods must be documented and submitted to MEMA, along with all contracts between the community and their contractors.
- Key areas to review for requirements: 2 CFR Part 200 sections 317-327.
- Pre-award costs must also comply in order to be eligible.
- Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA).



Grant Funding Terms & Conditions



All FEMA HMA grants are managed on a reimbursement basis.



FEMA will award the grant to MEMA, and MEMA will execute a state contract with the community.



Quarterly reporting is required.



Any changes to the project scope, budget or other components must be approved by MEMA and FEMA.



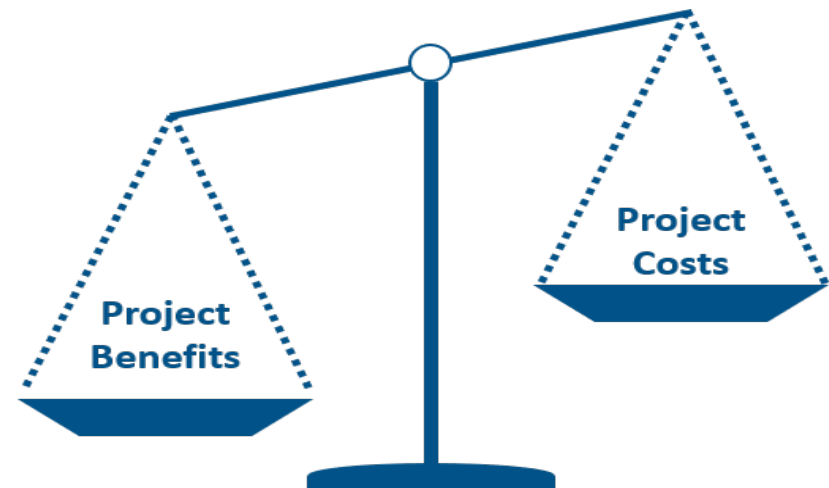
All environmental conditions imposed by FEMA must be strictly followed.



All bids, specifications, permits, procurement, sub-contracts, and as-built plans must be submitted to MEMA.

What is a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) ?

- Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is a method that quantifies the benefits (avoided losses) of a mitigation project compared to its costs
- Establishes the project's Cost Effectiveness (requirement is a BCR > 1)
- BCAs involve technical studies that require heavy data collection, supporting documentation development, and in many cases, engineering expertise
- BCAs are required for project subapplications (note additional considerations in FEMA NOFOs)



FMA FY24 Amendment Application Timeline

Statement of Interest (SOI) Deadline	May 29, 2026
Sub-applicant Register with FEMA GO Deadline	May 29, 2026
Federal Grant Application Period Opens	April 30, 2026
BCA Deadline (if applicable)	June 15, 2026
Sub-application <u>State</u> Deadline	July 7, 2026
State Review Committee	July 2026
Submittal to FEMA for National Competitive Review	July 31, 2026
Award Notification for FY24 FMA Cycle	TBD
Project Initiation	TBD

**Technical
Assistance**

**Technical Assistance
Available**

**Submit a Statement of
Interest (SOI)
on [MEMA's Website](#)**

FEMA Grant Outcomes (FEMA GO)



- Sub-applications must be filed in FEMA Go with the legal name of the municipality (i.e. Town of x).
- The UEI registered name and address must match the legal name of the municipality.
- The UEI must be an Active Registration.
- FEMA GO Startup Guide
 - [fema-go startup-guide.pdf](#)
- Follow sub-application process
 - [FEMA GO Application and Subapplication Process Guide](#)

How to Set Up a FEMA GO Account in Three Easy Steps



- Register, renew OR confirm your SAM.gov account
- Obtain OR Confirm Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in SAM.gov
- Visit [go.fema.gov](#) to create & register a new account

Still need help? Check out these resources.

 Watch the FEMA GO Start Up Tutorial on Youtube

Explore SAM.gov self-help options online



Check out GSA's Federal Service Desk resources

Review the FEMA GO Start Up Guide





Helpful Links:

[MEMA Hazard Mitigation Website](#)

[Statement of Interest](#)

[FMA State Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

[Benefit-Cost Analysis \(BCA\) Download](#)

[2025 HMA Program & Policy Guide](#)

[FEMA GO Portal](#)

[Sam.gov Registration / Information](#)

[Federal Procurement Information](#)

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Questions

