

# Appendix E: Grant Programs

## Hazard Mitigation Programs

### Post-Disaster Federal Programs

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
  - The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
  - <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/>
- Physical Disaster Loan Program
  - When physical disaster loans are made to homeowners and businesses following disaster declarations by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), up to 20% of the loan amount can go towards specific measures taken to protect against recurring damage in similar future disasters.
  - <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html>

### Pre-Disaster Federal Programs

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
  - The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, communities, and universities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds.
  - <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm>
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program
  - The overall goal of the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program is to fund cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) insurable structures. This specifically includes:
    - Reducing the number of repetitively or substantially damaged structures and the associated flood insurance claims;
    - Encouraging long-term, comprehensive hazard mitigation planning;
    - Responding to the needs of communities participating in the NFIP to expand their mitigation activities beyond floodplain development activities; and
    - Complementing other federal and state mitigation programs with similar, long-term mitigation goals.
  - <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index.shtm>

Detailed program and application information for federal post-disaster and pre-disaster programs can be found in the FY10 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance, available at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3649>

**For Oregon Emergency Management grant guidance on Federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance, visit: [http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans\\_train/grant\\_info/hma.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans_train/grant_info/hma.pdf)**

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### **State Programs**

- Community Development Block Grant Program
  - Promotes viable communities by providing: 1) decent housing; 2) quality living environments; and 3) economic opportunities, especially for low and moderate income persons. Eligible Activities Most Relevant to Hazard Mitigation include: acquisition of property for public purposes; construction/reconstruction of public infrastructure; community planning activities. Under special circumstances, CDBG funds also can be used to meet urgent community development needs arising in the last 18 months which pose immediate threats to health and welfare.
  - <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
  - While OWEB's primary responsibilities are implementing projects addressing coastal salmon restoration and improving water quality statewide, these projects can sometimes also benefit efforts to reduce flood and landslide hazards. In addition, OWEB conducts watershed workshops for landowners, watershed councils, educators, and others, and conducts a biennial conference highlighting watershed efforts statewide. Funding for OWEB programs comes from the general fund, state lottery, timber tax revenues, license plate revenues, angling license fees, and other sources. OWEB awards approximately \$20 million in funding annually.
  - <http://www.oweb.state.or.us/>

### **Federal Mitigation Programs, Activities & Initiatives**

#### *Basic & Applied Research/Development*

- National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP), National Science Foundation. Through broad based participation, the NEHRP attempts to mitigate the effects of earthquakes. Member agencies in NEHRP are the US Geological Survey (USGS), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). The agencies focus on research and development in areas such as the science of earthquakes, earthquake performance of buildings and other structures, societal impacts, and emergency response and recovery. <http://www.nehrp.gov/>
- Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program, National Science Foundation. Supports scientific research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and society. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, doctoral dissertation research, and workshops are funded in the areas of judgment and decision making; decision analysis and decision aids; risk analysis, perception, and communication; societal and public policy decision making; management science and organizational design. The program also supports small grants for exploratory research of a time-critical or high-risk, potentially transformative nature. [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=5423&org=SES](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5423&org=SES)

### *Hazard ID and Mapping*

- National Flood Insurance Program: Flood Mapping; FEMA. Flood insurance rate maps and flood plain management maps for all NFIP communities. <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/index.shtm>
- National Digital Orthophoto Program, DOI – USGS. Develops topographic quadrangles for use in mapping of flood and other hazards. <http://www.ndop.gov/>
- Mapping Standards Support, DOI-USGS. Expertise in mapping and digital data standards to support the National Flood Insurance Program. <http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/ncgmpstandards/>
- Soil Survey, USDA-NRCS. Maintains soil surveys of counties or other areas to assist with farming, conservation, mitigation or related purposes. <http://soils.usda.gov/survey/>

### *Project Support*

- Coastal Zone Management Program, NOAA. Provides grants for planning and implementation of non-structural coastal flood and hurricane hazard mitigation projects and coastal wetlands restoration. <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/>
- Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities Program, HUD. Provides grants to entitled cities and urban counties to develop viable communities (e.g., decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities), principally for low- and moderate- income persons. <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/entitlement/>
- National Fire Plan (DOI – USDA) Provides technical, financial, and resource guidance and support for wildland fire management across the United States. Addresses five key points: firefighting, rehabilitation, hazardous fuels reduction, community assistance, and accountability. <http://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/NFP/index.shtml>
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, FEMA. Grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program, USDA-NRCS. Provides technical and financial assistance for relief from imminent hazards in small watersheds, and to reduce vulnerability of life and property in small watershed areas damaged by severe natural hazard events. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EWP/>
- Rural Development Assistance – Utilities, USDA. Direct and guaranteed rural economic loans and business enterprise grants to address utility issues and development needs. <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>
- Rural Development Assistance – Housing, USDA. Grants, loans, and technical assistance in addressing rehabilitation, health and safety needs in primarily low-income rural areas. Declaration of major disaster necessary. <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>
- Public Assistance Grant Program, FEMA. The objective of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program is to provide assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm>

- National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA. Makes available flood insurance to residents of communities that adopt and enforce minimum floodplain management requirements.  
<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>
- HOME Investments Partnerships Program, HUD. Grants to states, local government and consortia for permanent and transitional housing (including support for property acquisition and rehabilitation) for low-income persons.  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>
- Disaster Recovery Initiative, HUD. Grants to fund gaps in available recovery assistance after disasters (including mitigation).  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/dri/driquickfacts.cfm>
- Emergency Management Performance Grants, FEMA. Helps state and local governments to sustain and enhance their all-hazards emergency management programs.  
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/empg/index.shtm#0>
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife, DOI – FWS. Financial and technical assistance to private landowners interested in pursuing restoration projects affecting wetlands and riparian habitats.  
<http://www.fws.gov/partners/>
- North American Wetland Conservation Fund, DOI-FWS. Cost-share grants to stimulate public/private partnerships for the protection, restoration, and management of wetland habitats.  
<http://www.doi.gov/partnerships/wetlands.html>
- Federal Land Transfer / Federal Land to Parks Program, DOI-NPS. Identifies, assesses, and transfers available Federal real property for acquisition for State and local parks and recreation, such as open space. [http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/flp\\_questions.html](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/flp_questions.html)
- Wetlands Reserve program, USDA-NCRS. Financial and technical assistance to protect and restore wetlands through easements and restoration agreements.  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Programs/WRP/>
- Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, US Forest Service. Reauthorized for FY2008-2011, it was originally enacted in 2000 to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands. Funds have been used for improvements to public schools, roads, and stewardship projects. Money is also available for maintaining infrastructure, improving the health of watersheds and ecosystems, protecting communities, and strengthening local economies.  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/>

More resources at: <http://www.oregonshowcase.org/stateplan/part4>  
(Click on Appendix 5 of the State's Enhanced Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan: Hazard Mitigation Funding Programs)