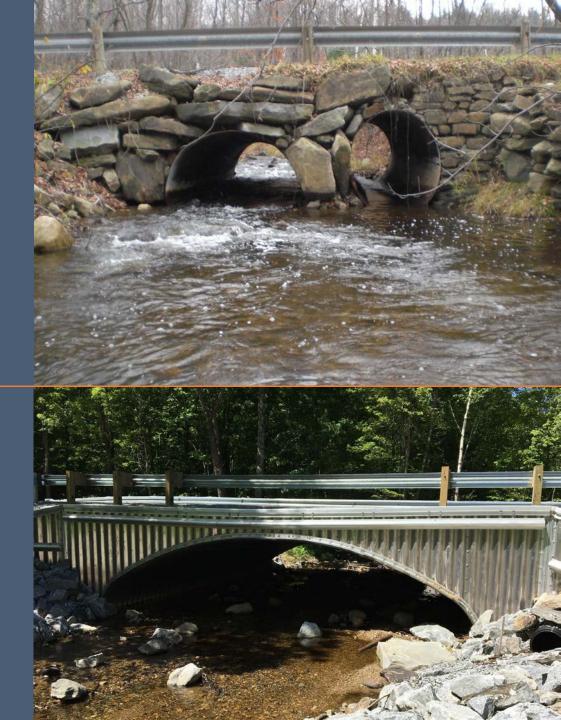
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Overview

Massachusetts Emergency
Management Agency
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SMART INVESTING MITIGATION SAVES

EVERY \$1 SPENT ON MITIGATION, SAVES \$6 ON FUTURE DISASTER LOSSES







Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- Hazard mitigation funding for states, tribal governments, and local communities/special district governments
- Initiated in 2020 (under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act)
- Establishes an annual national competitive award
 - Technical and Qualitative evaluation criteria as part of the ranking
 - Between \$500 Million \$2 Billion in grant funding awarded annually
 - Funds projects up to \$50 Million (Federal Share)
 - Projects can be up to 36 months longer durations may be possible
 - State allocation (set-aside) available per FEMA NOFO
- Announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - Application due dates vary year to year (usually in the Fall)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)



- Funding for projects that reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to structures that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Community must participate in NFIP
- Nationwide Competitive Review Process
- Same timeline as BRIC
- Announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Application due dates vary year to year

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Funding for hazard mitigation planning and projects in Massachusetts available after a federal disaster declaration
- Funding amounts vary depending on the severity of the declared disaster





Eligible Activities (project types)

Mi	Mitigation Projects		FMA	HMGP
	Property Acquisition, Demolition or Structure Relocation	X	Х	X
	Structure Elevation	Х	Х	Х
	Mitigation Reconstruction	Х	Х	Х
	Flood Risk Reduction Measures	Х	Х	Х
	Stabilization	Х	Х	Х
	Dry Floodproofing (Non-Residential Buildings)	Х	Х	Х
	Tsunami Vertical Evacuation	Х		Х
	Safe Rooms	Х		Х
	Wildfire Mitigation	Х		Х
	Retrofitting	Х	Х	Х
	Secondary Power Source	Х		Х
	Early Warning Systems	Х		Х
	Aquifer Recharge, Storage and Recovery	Х	Х	Х
	Innovative Mitigation Projects	X	X	Х

Eligible Activities (planning/scoping types)

Ca	Capability and Capacity Building Projects		FMA	HMGP
	New Hazard Mitigation Plans	Х		Х
	Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates	Х		Х
	Planning Related Activities	Х	Х	Х
	Advance Assistance			Х
	Project Scoping	Х	Х	
	Financial Technical Assistance		Х	
	Direct Non-Financial Technical Assistance	Х		
	Partnerships	Х	Х	
	Codes & Standards	Х		Х
	Innovative Capability and Capacity Building	Х	X	Х

Non-Federal Cost Share



- Cost share is typically 25% of the total project for cost
- Individual Flood Mitigation Projects may have increased Federal funding
- Non-Federal cost share may include:
 - Local, state, or private cash payments (MVP Funding, Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Funding, FFIO, etc.)
 - For private homes, if there is a cost share, it typically comes from the homeowner
 - In-Kind Contributions (labor, equipment, materials, etc.)
 - Other Federal Funding typically not allowed as match

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