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# Hazard Mitigation Assistance Overview



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# Hazard Mitigation

**Hazard mitigation** is defined as long-term, independent solutions to reduce future risk to life and property from **natural hazard** events.

## MITIGATE HAZARDS



This is an on-going process that occurs before, during, and after disasters and serves to break the cycle of repeated damage and repair.

# Hazard Mitigation Assistance

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** Funding for California hazard mitigation actions. Available as result of major disaster declarations. Ongoing acceptance of proposals (Notice of Interest).
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** Annual, nationally-competitive program funding mitigation actions. Process starts each year in August.
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** Annual, nationally-competitive program funding mitigation actions that protect properties insured by National Flood Insurance Program. Process starts each year in August.

# Hazard Mitigation Assistance

## **BRIC/FMA** – annual

\* Notice of Funding Opportunity release by FEMA

- NOI window in September/October
- Competitive nationwide
- <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation>

## **HMGP** – result of Major Disaster Declaration in California

\* Notice of Funding Opportunity release by Cal OES

- NOI may be submitted anytime
- <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/hmgrp>

# Recent Funding Opportunity

## BRIC and FMA 2023\*

- NOFO release by FEMA – expected August 2023\*
  - Actual release date was 10/12/2023
- NOI (proposal) due to OES – October 27, 2023\*
- Subapplication due to OES – December 13, 2023\*
- Application from OES to FEMA – February 2023\*
- Notification of selection by FEMA – Summer 2024\*

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# Eligibility Requirements

- Be an eligible subapplicant:
  - City, County, Special District
  - Federally Recognized Tribes
    - Eligible to apply to FEMA as an Applicant
    - Eligible to apply to Cal OES as a Subapplicant
  - Private Nonprofit Organizations (PNPs) (not eligible for BRIC/FMA)
- Must have a FEMA-approved and locally adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- PNPs in HMGP are exempt from this requirement

# Eligibility Requirements

- Have an eligible activity:
  - Addresses a problem caused by a natural hazard
  - Solution provides long term protection to people, structures, and/or infrastructure
  - Is not dependent upon on other actions to be successful
- Be able to answer the following:
  - What is the natural hazard?
  - What is the problem caused by the natural hazard?
  - What will happen if the project is not completed?



# Subapplication Types

- Planning:
  - Develop or Update a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Advance Assistance
  - Prioritizes socially vulnerable communities
  - Funds development of a shovel ready project
    - Studies or investigation to determine best solution for the problem
    - Development of Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
    - Development of complete subapplication

# Subapplication Types

- Regular Project:
  - Non-Phased (Shovel-Ready)
    - Solution is known
    - All locations are known
    - Design is 60% or greater
  - Phased Project (Phase 1 Design, Phase 2 Construction)
    - Solution is known, but
    - All locations or all participants are not known, or
    - Design level is less than 60%
- Other: (5 percent initiative and Planning Related)

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