

Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) –
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Mitigation Planning

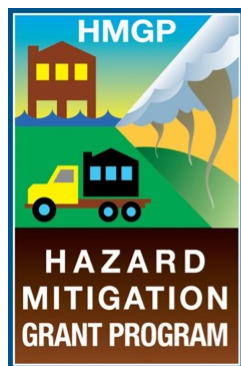


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Mitigation Planning

- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires tribal governments to have an approved hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for:
 - Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding programs
 - Public Assistance Categories C-G
 - Fire Management Assistance Grants



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Disaster Declarations

A tribal hazard mitigation plan is also required for a tribal government to directly request a presidential disaster declaration.



Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance

January 2017



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What's in a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Identify Hazards
- Assess Risks and Vulnerabilities
- Strategies to Reduce Risk
- Mitigation Capabilities



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Types of Tribal Mitigation Plans

- Tribes can either develop an **standalone** plan or be a **participant** in a multi-jurisdictional plan.
- Either format must meet the requirements in the tribal crosswalk, described in the Tribal Mitigation Planning Guidance.
- Plan format does not affect ability to apply directly for a disaster declaration or be a direct applicant for grant programs.



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New Guidance for Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans



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Existing Guidance

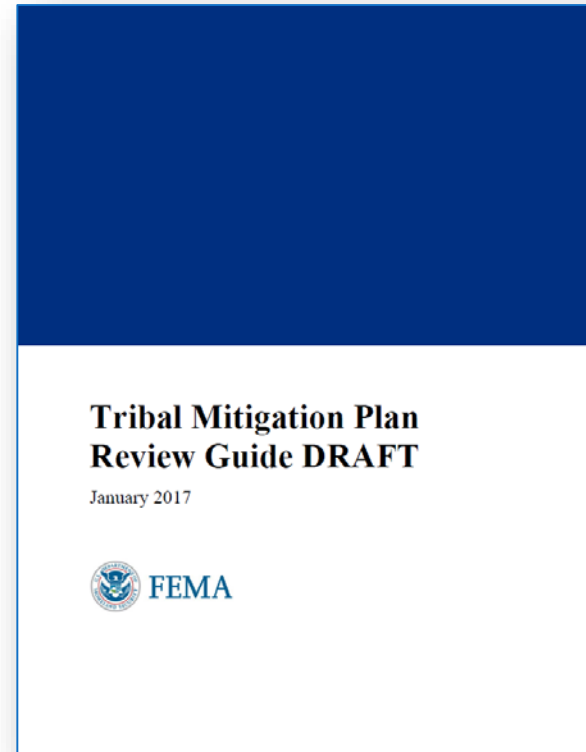
- The existing guidance is titled *Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance* (2010).
- Guides FEMA in the interpretation of regulatory requirements for the review and approval of tribal mitigation plans.



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Updated Guidance

- The updated guidance is titled *Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide (2017)*.
- No changes to the underlying regulations, but provides:
 - A consistent, streamlined format.
 - Clarity regarding the requirements.
 - New plan review tool.



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Tribal Guidance Resources

- Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance (2010):
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/18355>
- Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide (2017):
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/115533>
- Fact Sheet –Updating FEMA's Policy on Tribal Hazard Mitigation Planning: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/115533



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Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program



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Hazard Mitigation

Any action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from natural hazards.



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Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

Annually Appropriated



Disaster Specific



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Eligible Subapplicants

	 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM	 PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION	 FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE
State Agencies	✓	✓	✓
Tribal Governments	✓	✓	✓
Local Governments/ Communities	✓	✓	✓
Private non-profit Organizations (PNPs)	✓	✗	✗



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Eligibility

To be eligible for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs,

Tribe must have a FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with 44 CFR Section 201.7.

Approved Tribal Plan is valid for 5 years.



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Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirement

Applicants

- Must have a FEMA approved Tribal (Standard or Enhanced) Mitigation Plan

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by FEMA



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Subapplicants

- **HMGP** - Must have a FEMA-approved Tribal mitigation plan at time of project obligation
- **PDM** - Must have a FEMA-approved Tribal mitigation plan at time of application submission and obligation



Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Funding for eligible mitigation planning and projects following a **major disaster**

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)

- Funding for hazard mitigation planning and projects on an **annual basis**



Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

February 27, 2015



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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Funding made available following Presidential Major Disaster Declarations
- Tribes may apply as a grantee (recipient) or a subgrantee (sub-recipient)
- Project and Planning grants
- Period of Performance: 3 years
- Cost share 25%

A FEMA-approved Tribal mitigation plan must be in effect at time of award for project applications



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Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

- FY 2017: \$90 million appropriated funding
- \$575,000 set-aside for Tribes
- Project and Planning grants
- Period of Performance: 3 years
- Cost share 25% - (10% for small, impoverished communities)
- Program priorities: See 2017 PDM Fact Sheet

A FEMA-approved tribal mitigation plan must be in effect at time of application deadline and at time of award for project applications.



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Cost-Share Requirements

Type Cost-Share	Requirement
Federal share	Up to 75% (HMGP, PDM)
Non-Federal share	At least 25% (HMGP, PDM)
In-kind contributions	No cash requirement
Other Federal funds	In some cases



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Eligible Activities



Eligible Activities

1. Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓
Property Acquisition & Structure Demolition	✓	✓	✓
Property Acquisition & Structure Relocation	✓	✓	✓
Structure Elevation	✓	✓	✓
Mitigation Reconstruction	✓	✓	✓
Dry Floodproofing of Historic Residential Structures	✓	✓	✓
Dry Floodproofing of Non-Residential Structures	✓	✓	✓
Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects	✓	✓	✓
Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings	✓	✓	✓
Non-Structural Retrofitting of Existing Bld. & Facilities	✓	✓	✓



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Eligible Activities *Continued*

Eligible Activities	 HMGP HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM	 PDM PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION	 FMA FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE
1. Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓
Safe Room Construction	✓	✓	✗
Infrastructure Retrofit	✓	✓	✓
Soil Stabilization	✓	✓	✓
Wildfire Mitigation	✓	✓	✗
Post-Disaster Code Enforcement	✓	✗	✗
5% Initiative Projects	✓	✗	✗
2. Hazard Mitigation Planning	✓	✓	✓
3. Management Costs	✓	✓	✓



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WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECTS?

Eligible wildfire mitigation projects must clearly demonstrate mitigation of the risk from wildfire to residential and non-residential buildings and structures, including public and commercial facilities.

Projects must be located in a Wildland-Urban Interface, must be adjacent to or intermingled with the built environment, and must provide protection to life and the built environment from future wildfires.



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What are Eligible Fire Projects?

Ignition Resistance Construction

Application of non-combustible building envelope assemblies, the use of ignition-resistant materials, and use of proper retrofit techniques in new and existing structures



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What are Eligible Fire Projects?

Defensible Space Measures

The creation of perimeters around residential and non-residential buildings and structures through the removal or reduction of flammable vegetation

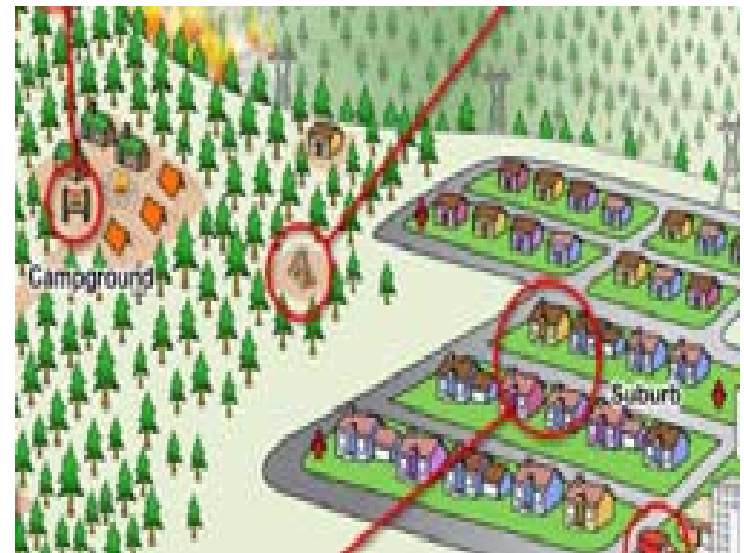


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What are Eligible Fire Projects?

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

*Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, vegetation thinning, and the reduction of flammable materials to protect life and property beyond defensible space perimeters
But proximate to at-risk structures*



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