



Guide for Residents Seeking Mitigation Project Funding Monroe County

What is mitigation?

Mitigation is the reduction or elimination of potential risk to life and/or property. Mitigation is a cost-effective way to avoid future damage from disasters, such as flooding or high winds. There are many different actions that property owners can take to mitigate future risk.

Typical residential mitigation projects include:

- Structure Acquisition & Demolition
- Structure Elevation
- Structure Wind Retrofit

How can I mitigate my home to reduce potential future damage?

Mitigation funding may be available, but each community is different, and options may vary. After a disaster, mitigation funding is available to communities through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Funding is also available through other programs including FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) as well as the State of Florida's Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP).

Each of these programs have different requirements and periods of availability. Local officials will have the best information on the programs available in your area.

These grant programs fund long-term projects to make a community more resilient. This means that if a local government applies on your behalf, it may be up to more than a year before the project is reviewed, approved, and authorized to begin.

Things to remember:



- These grant programs are not emergency recovery or repair programs. They are a process to make communities more resilient to future disasters.
- With any of these grant programs, residents may be required to contribute up to 25% of the overall project cost.
- Individuals and businesses must apply through an eligible subapplicant. Eligible subapplicants include local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, and private non-profit organizations.
- Individual residential mitigation projects could be grouped together with similar projects under the same grant to potentially increase cost-effectiveness.

Who should I contact?

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