

Public Assistance Hazard Mitigation Information Sheet

Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery

This “Hazard Mitigation Information Sheet” provides you with guidance on FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) Hazard Mitigation program. If you are seeking funding for disaster recovery from FEMA, please review this document carefully.

FEMA hazard mitigation is any sustainable action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from future disasters. Mitigation reduces disaster losses through the acquisition and relocation of hazard-prone structures; structural retrofitting; education of community officials and residents; wise land use and development practices; prudent use of resources and funding; and encouraging National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) implementation and compliance.

The Mitigation mission for this disaster is to promote community resilience through mitigation investment to reduce future disaster losses. Primary focuses of the mitigation mission will be increasing equitable access to mitigation programs and reducing the impacts of future similar events.

FEMA provides funding for eligible mitigation measures through PA Mitigation (formerly referred to as 406 Mitigation).

Following a disaster declaration, impacted communities may be eligible to participate in FEMA’s PA program. PA funding is intended to restore facilities based on pre-disaster design and function with current applicable codes, specifications, and standards. If you qualify for repairs through FEMA’s PA Program under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act Section 406, then you may also be eligible for additional funding to protect your facility through PA Mitigation for a more resilient recovery.

The State of South Dakota is gathering information to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Preliminary Damage Assessment activities are currently under way. Should a Federal Disaster be declared, this document will provide preliminary guidance about the Public Assistance Hazard Mitigation process.

For more information contact: Mitigation Disaster Operations: SD Public Assistance 605-773-3231.



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Hazard Mitigation Achieved *with* PA Mitigation Funds

A Hazard Mitigation Proposal is required to achieve mitigation on a PA eligible project. FEMA evaluates the proposed PA Mitigation measures on four main factors:

The proposed mitigation must...

- Apply to the damaged elements.
- Be technically feasible and effective.
- Comply with applicable laws, regulations, and Executive Orders, including Environmental and Historic Preservation review.
- Be cost-effective.

A proposed mitigation measure is deemed cost-effective if any one of the following criteria is met:

- The cost for the mitigation measure does not exceed 15 percent of the damaged facility's repair cost to which mitigation measures apply.
- The mitigation measure is specifically listed in "[Appendix J: Cost-Effective Public Assistance Hazard Mitigation Measures](#)" of the PAPPG V4, AND the cost of the mitigation measure does not exceed 100 percent of the damaged facility's repair cost to which the mitigation measure applies.
- The applicant demonstrates that a mitigation project is cost-effective with FEMA's Benefit-Cost-Analysis (BCA) Toolkit.

General guidance on maintaining eligibility ...

- Complete a Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) study for projects in a year-round or seasonal base flow waterway to determine upstream/downstream impacts.
- Source materials for permanent repairs from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) approved locations.
- Comply with all FEMA procurement policies for mitigation work, in addition to repair work.
- PA Mitigation projects cannot redo work completed as part of a permanent PA repair.
- Talk to your SD OEM contact person about full eligibility requirements.

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