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Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Funding Available

In coordination with FEMA's funding opportunity for 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency announced Monday, the opening of the application cycle for two of the three Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs: [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) program and the [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#) program. The application period for these two grant programs began May 29, and closes August 28, 2015 at 3 p.m.

The third, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), is only available following a major disaster declaration. There currently are no HMGP funds available in Ohio.

HMA grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. All U.S. states, tribes, territories and local governments may apply. Applicants are encouraged to review the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#) for detailed information regarding eligibility.

Ohio EMA notified all county EMA offices and provided a list of information to include with the applications. Ohio EMA noted that funding is available for mitigation projects such as land acquisition/demolition, elevation, community safe rooms and local mitigation plan updates.

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Mitigation is taking action *now* – before the next disaster – to reduce personal and financial consequences later. The Ohio EMA Mitigation & Recovery Branch integrates hazard mitigation principles in ways to make Ohio communities more sustainable and Ohioans more resilient in the face of future disaster events.

Additional information is available at Ohio EMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance page: <http://bit.ly/1GgTuNa>

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