

Confirmation of Homeowner Interest

By signing and returning this document to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, I am confirming my continued interest in participating in the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program. By signing this document I agree to and understand the following bulleted items:

- I have read, understand and agree to comply with the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program rules.
- I have reviewed and understand the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program Frequently Asked Questions.
- **Work cannot begin** (including signing a construction contract) on the safe room until you receive a "Notice to Proceed" from Ohio EMA and the project has been reviewed and approved by FEMA. Failure to comply will jeopardize your rebate.
- I am not employed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. I am not related to or in a business relationship with any employee at Ohio EMA involved with the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program.
- In order to be eligible for a rebate, the safe room constructed on my property must comply with criteria in FEMA Publication 320, FEMA Publication 361, International Code Council 500 and any other applicable local regulations.
- I understand that I must contract and pay for the construction/installation of a safe room prior to receiving a rebate. The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program will reimburse eligible work to construct/install a safe room on my property up to 75% of the actual cost to install/construct a safe room up to a maximum \$4,875.00. I commit to pay the remaining 25% and any amount over \$4,875.00.
- The rebate is contingent upon meeting all requirements of the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program.
- I am solely responsible for the future operation and maintenance of the safe room and will ensure that the safe room is maintained in a manner that allows for its intended use during a storm event.
- I agree to allow Ohio EMA representatives access to my property in order to verify safe room construction.
- I agree to be responsible for any and all liabilities or claims caused by or resulting from construction/installation of a safe room on the property.
- I understand that if my property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area according to the current Flood Insurance Rate Map, I am only eligible to receive a rebate if proof of flood insurance is provided. I also understand that I will be required to maintain flood insurance in an amount equal to the cost of the safe room for the life of the structure. I also agree to legally record the language required in the Model Acknowledgement of Conditions for Mitigation of Property in a Special Flood Hazard Area with FEMA Grant Funds, which can be found at: https://ema.ohio.gov/ema_saferoom/saferoom-concept.aspx
- I agree to respond to information requests from Ohio EMA regarding the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program in a timely manner.

Signature of Homeowner(s)

Date

Printed Name of Homeowner(s)

Application Number (If known)

Please return this form to:

Email to dtclevidence@dps.ohio.gov

Or: The Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Mitigation Branch
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235