



MITIGATION

HAZARD MITIGATION OVERVIEW

Mitigation is the ongoing effort to lessen the impact of natural disasters on people's lives and property. The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) is responsible for coordinating disaster loss reduction programs, initiatives and policies throughout the state.

Hazard Mitigation Plans

Disaster loss reduction is promoted through the development and implementation of state and county hazard mitigation plans. State agencies are asked by HI-EMA to participate in updating the state plan every five years.

Hazard Mitigation Grants

HI-EMA administers the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs, which can provide 75% federal funding for eligible mitigation projects. Grant programs include the post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, which funds mitigation of high loss insured properties through the National Flood Insurance Program. State and local mitigation strategies that qualify are:

- Hazard mitigation planning
- Retrofit of critical facilities
- Acquisition, elevation, relocation or drainage improvements of repetitive flood loss structures
- Enhancement or development of codes and standards
- Safe rooms and storm shelters
- Generators for critical facilities
- Warning systems

Eligibility for Hazard Mitigation Grants

State and county agencies are eligible to apply for all three (HMGP, PDM and FMA) Mitigation Grant Programs. Certain private, non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for HMGP only. Individuals and businesses cannot apply directly; however, an eligible applicant may apply on behalf of individuals or businesses.

For more information visit <http://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/ser-resources/hazard-mitigation/> or call HI-EMA at 808-733-4300 and ask to speak to the State Hazard Mitigation Office.