



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated up to \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). The RCP will fund the development, adoption, and implementation of modern and resilient building codes and flood damage prevention ordinances to ensure that structures built within the community can withstand future hazards.

More information and the application are available
at recovery.texas.gov/rcp.

Communities are encouraged to also learn about RCP's companion program, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP), which is actively accepting applications. Visit LHMPP's web page at recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmpp.

▶ Eligibility Criteria

Applications will have a maximum of \$300,000 per applicant, first-come first-served.

At least 50% must address mitigation needs in the CDBG-MIT most impacted and distressed (MID) areas identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

▶ Eligible Applicants

Units of local government (e.g., cities, counties, federally recognized tribes, and councils of governments) located in a CDBG-MIT eligible area. Entity must have legal authority to adopt and enforce the building code, zoning ordinance, land use plan, and/or comprehensive plan proposed in the RCP application.

Planning Activities

Develop, update, adopt, and implement:

- **BUILDING CODES** that meet or exceed International Residential Code (IRC) edition 2012;
- **FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCES**
 - Must require new structures to be at least 2-feet above base flood elevation;
- **ZONING ORDINANCES**
 - based upon a land use plan or comprehensive plan; and
- Forward-looking **LAND USE PLANS** and/or **COMPREHENSIVE PLANS** that integrate hazard mitigation planning.

Public Service Activities

Activities leading to an increase in community knowledge and/or the National Flood Insurance Program's voluntary Community Rating System's (CRS) incentive program.

Examples include education and outreach campaigns that alert communities and beneficiaries to mitigation opportunities and best practices.

Public Service activities must meet a HUD national objective.

▶ Technical Assistance

RCP staff is available to assist potential applicants with understanding how the program can best assist in meeting the needs of the community with regard to mitigation activities, such as modern building code adoption, that increase the resilience and reduce the likelihood of losses of life and property from future disasters.

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Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program

The \$25,000,000 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LHMPP) assists eligible entities by providing grants to develop or update local hazard mitigation plans, or to provide cost share for hazard mitigation planning activities funded through other federal sources. Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) fund these planning activities, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan development and approval oversight is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Grant awards will range from \$20,000 – \$100,000. Application intake will begin on July 28, 2021, and will be processed for eligibility on a first come, first served basis until July 2027 or until funding is exhausted, whichever is first.

► Eligible Entities

All applicants must satisfy the following basic requirements:

- Be federally declared counties or ZIP codes from the following disasters as listed in the CDBG-MIT Action Plan at <https://recovery.texas.gov/action-plans/mitigation/index.html>.
 - Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332, August 2017)
 - 2015 Floods (DR-4223, May 29, 2015) (DR-4245, November 25, 2015)
 - 2016 Floods (DR-4272, June 11, 2016) (DR-4269, April 25, 2016) (DR-4266, March 19, 2016)

- Meet FEMA's definition of a local government as per 44 CFR 201.2, which states:

"Local government is any county, municipality, city, town, township, public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government; any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization; and any rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity."

Additional eligibility criteria apply. For a full list of the eligibility criteria see LHMPP Application Guide referenced in Additional Resources section (below).

► Project Categories:

- New Hazard Mitigation Plan Development* – Develop a Local Hazard Mitigation plan that identifies, assesses, and reduces long-term risks to life and property from hazard events, or provide cost share (local match) for funding previously awarded to do the same from FEMA.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update* – Update a current local Hazard Mitigation Plan that is within 2 years of expiration, or provide cost share (local match) for funding previously awarded to do the same from FEMA.

** May include studies to enhance a community's understanding of risk.*

► Application Process:

Go to the following link to start the application process: recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmpp.

Please feel free to contact the LHMPP team by phone at 512-770-4900 or by email at lhmpp.glo@recovery.texas.gov for any questions related to the application and/or the program.

► Additional Resources:

For more information, please review the program's page at: <https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/programs/local-hazard-mitigation-plans/index.html>.