

NATIONAL MITIGATION RESOURCE PORTAL

An initiative by the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council (MMC)

Objective

The National Mitigation Resource Portal (NMRP) aims to enhance community resilience by convening and streamlining mitigation efforts across government and private sector entities. This effort will address these challenges identified by the MMC:

- Difficulties to find existing hazard mitigation resources (like federal grants)
- Technical challenges and resource support for state and local jurisdictions to successfully apply for federal mitigation grants, especially for marginalized communities and those with limited staff and technical support
- Barriers to hazard mitigation investments, both public assistance and private investment, need to be identified and reduced
- Better communication with elected officials and decision makers in mitigation investment

What is NMRP?

The MMC proposes creating a centralized inventory of hazard mitigation resources. Congressionally chartered and broadly recognized as a trusted, unbiased convener among government agencies and private sectors, NIBS is uniquely positioned to develop and host this portal, which will consist of three major components:

Module 1

Federal TurboGrants to guide jurisdictions to the right federal mitigation funding (BRIC, HMGF, FMA, PDM, CDBG-MIT, CDBG-DR, etc.).

The Portal will help potential applicants answer: (1) what federal funds are the best fit for community-selected mitigation projects; (2) program requirements, limits, and timelines; (3) links to agency programs; (4) precedent (similar) projects in other communities.

Module 2

Resilience Incentivization
1. Make mitigation investment more sustainable by leveraging private sector capital.

2. Potentially help the cost share required by federal grant programs.
See [MMC Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate \(CFIRE\) effort](#).

Module 3

Education (Technical Support) and Engagement
1. Webinars, workshops, training modules for emergency managers and officials.

2. Success stories and projects, and platform to connect community leaders working on similar projects.



Key Facts

6:1

The benefit-cost ratio of federal mitigation grants by FEMA, HUD, and EDA since 1995.

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\$530 billion

Price tag to implement cost-effective resilience measures for private sector buildings (This does not include the trillions of dollars needed to upgrade the nation's D+ infrastructure.)

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88%

Percentage of FEMA hazard mitigation grant funding awarded to states after disasters between 2010 through 2018 (12% was used for pre-disaster grant programs). Sixty-six percent of these funds went to just three states: New Jersey, New York, and Texas.

[[GAO report](#)]

10 out of 12

Ten out of 12 state and local officials interviewed by the GAO described the FEMA grant application process as complex and lengthy. Most cited technical capacity challenges.

[[GAO report](#)]

50%

More than 50% of the questions in the FEMA Individual Assistance and SBA applications are duplicates.

[[news report](#)]

Measuring Success

- A centralized resource portal to help jump-start state/local mitigation projects and improve applicant capacity to develop mitigation projects and apply for grants
- Maximize federal funding for hazard mitigation
- A channel to provide feedback to grant administrators (by annual or biennial recommendation reports or other means to FEMA, HUD, etc.)
- Increased financial products, insurance programs, and resilience investments from the private sector

Partnership



Federal agencies

NIBS would convene and work with government agencies (FEMA, HUD, USFA, etc.) that administer mitigation grants to support the development of the resource portal.

Grant applicants

Through partnerships with organizations like NEMA, IAEM, The Pew Charitable Trusts, NACo, NGA, FLASH, NIBS will collect input on portal design from grant applicants like state, territory, tribal agencies and communities.

Private sector

Through CFIRE, NIBS will initiate and promote dialogue across the finance, insurance, real estate and building science sectors, especially through organizational collaboration and public and private partnership.

Next Steps

- Build agency support for developing the centralized resource portal.
- Engage organizational partners and gather input (work in progress).
- Develop private sector support and stimulate innovation and development of financial products, insurance programs, appraisal tools and guidelines to properly evaluate risk and recognize the value of resilient buildings (work in progress).

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