



## Guide for Citizens Seeking Mitigation Project Funding

*Are you interested in making your home or business safer against future disaster damage?*

Mitigation is the reduction and/or elimination of potential risk to life and/or property. Mitigation is a cost-effective way to avoid future damage from disasters such as flooding or high winds. Mitigation funding may be available, but each community is different and options may vary. Mitigation grant programs include:

- [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#)
- [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#)
- [Residential Construction Mitigation Program](#) (Wind Only)
- [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#)

Each program has different requirements and periods of availability. Local officials will have the best information on the programs applicable in your area. Typical departments in a community that may be able to assist residents in taking advantage of these mitigation funding programs may include:

- Local Grants Office
- Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group
- Local Office of Emergency Management
- Local Planning Department

Visit <http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/Local/Index.htm> and click on *LMS Working Group Contact List* to find the contact for your area.

### Important Points to Consider

- Individuals and businesses must apply through local government only. Eligible applicants include state agencies, tribal governments, local government/communities and private non-profit organizations.
- With any given grant program, local residents could be required to pay up to 25% of the overall project cost.
- Individual residential mitigation projects could be grouped together with other similar projects under the same grant.
- Work with local officials to ensure that your project qualifies for mitigation grant funding.
- Mitigation grants are not an emergency relief program. They are a process to make communities more resilient to future disasters.

For more details, visit [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org) and click on **Mitigation** or call the Florida Division of Emergency Management at 850-922-4075.