



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to states and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the HMGP is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster. The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

The City has expressed to the state's Office of Emergency Management a strong interest in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Program.

### Frequently Asked Questions about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

#### **1. Will Long Beach get an HMGP grant to help us elevate our homes?**

*The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a completely funded program through FEMA. The State of New York will determine where, when, and how it applies the funding. The program is currently not open, but when opened, the City will apply to Nassau County who in turn applies to the State. Currently there is no further information when the program will be made available.*

*The HMGP was created as a proactive program to assist residents in mitigation against future natural disasters. This program was not created to be a quick funding source after a disaster. For example, after Hurricane Irene in August of 2011: 700 structures were identified for acquisition or elevation. Acquisitions were not approved until the beginning for November 2012 (3 months) and elevations were approved in the beginning of April 2013 (8 months).*

#### **2. Can individuals apply for HMGP?**

*Individuals and businesses may not apply directly to the State or FEMA, but eligible local governments or private non-profit organizations may apply on behalf of local citizens and businesses.*

#### **3. What happens if my home was damaged and I need assistance now?**

*While the Hazard Mitigation is a good program, it was not created as a reactive program directly after a storm thus the time span between application, approval and rebuild or elevation tends to be longer than other assistance programs like Disaster Assistance Programs.*

*Residents and Businesses owners who are looking for faster disaster assistance are urged to apply for the NY Rising Assistance Program. For more information visit [www.nysandyhelp.ny.gov](http://www.nysandyhelp.ny.gov) to submit an application or dial the Sandy Recovery Hotline at 1-800-NYS-SANDY, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekends.*

### Additional Resources:

#### **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>