

Merced County

Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Process

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a countywide plan that identifies risks and ways to minimize damage by natural and manmade disasters. The plan is a comprehensive resource document that serves many purposes such as enhancing public awareness, creating a decision tool for management, promoting compliance with State and Federal program requirements, enhancing local policies for hazard mitigation capability, and providing inter-jurisdictional coordination.

The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all local governments to create such a disaster plan in order to qualify for funding in the future.

Merced County currently has a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place which expires in September of 2020. There is grant funding available through FEMA and a soft contribution is required by the operational area. A soft match allows the use of salary's to individuals involved with the development of the plan. The FEMA HMP grant application process requires the OA to submit a formal request during the grant application request period along with a letter of commitment from each jurisdiction participating in the process. The grant application period is usually in the Spring, and if approved, notification will be in the Fall. The deadline for submission is July 5th, 2019.

Examples cover under the HMP

- Critical Facilities
- Dam Failure
- Earthquake
- Fire Threat
- Flammable Hazard
- Flood
- Liquefaction
- Population Growth
- Rain Induced
Landslide
- Communication
Infrastructure
- Transportation
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