

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

## **About the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**

### **What is hazard mitigation?**

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate the risk of property damage, injury and loss of life associated with future hazard events.

### **What is the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program?**

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a federal post-disaster assistance program administered by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

### **Is this program right for you?**

Yes! The HMGP can make a difference in the long-term disaster resistance of your community. All it takes is awareness, commitment and in-kind or financial support of 25% for flood mitigation projects.

### **Am I an eligible applicant?**

All Maryland local governments, counties and municipalities, are eligible to apply. Additionally, local governments may apply on behalf of certain private, non-profit organizations.

### **What types of projects can be funded?**

The HMGP can be used to fund projects to protect either public or private property. Examples of projects include:

- Acquisition and demolition of structures in hazard-prone areas;
- Elevation or relocation of structures in hazard-prone areas;
- Retrofitting, such as flood proofing, to protect structures from future damage;
- Structural hazard control, such as debris basins or floodwalls.

### **How much money is available?**

The HMGP is made available following a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Up to 15% of the total amount of disaster assistance awarded to the State is available for HMGP funding.

### **How do I get started?**

Evaluate the hazards in your jurisdiction and consider how HMGP funds could help make your community a safer place. Complete and submit to MEMA an HMGP Notice of Interest (NOI) for each project that your community wishes to pursue.