



# The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Programs

AEMA – Alabama's coordinating agency for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery



# What is Mitigation?

Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Mitigation efforts provide value to the American people by:

- creating safer communities by reducing loss of life and property,
- enabling individuals to recover more rapidly from flood and other disasters, and
- lessening the financial impact on the Treasury, States, Tribes, and communities.

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# Mitigation

Reducing the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters

**Recovery**  
Putting a community back together after a disaster

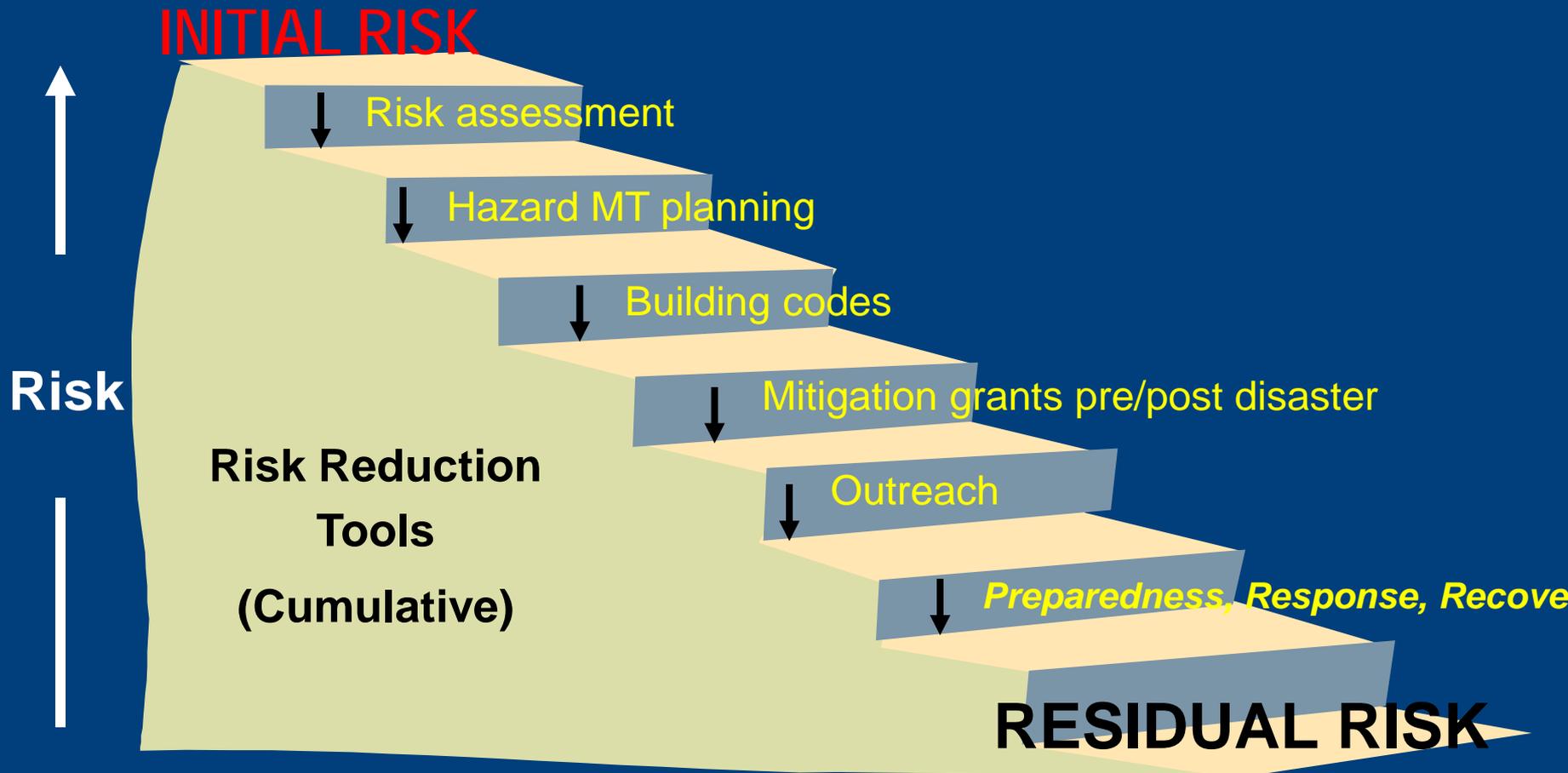


**Preparedness**  
Getting people and equipment ready to quickly and effectively respond to a disaster before it happens

**Response**  
Saving life and property during and immediately after a disaster



# RISK MANAGEMENT: BUYING DOWN RISK





# State Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Executive Order 19 established the State Hazard Mitigation Council
- Continues the State's eligibility for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs and Public Assistance (categories C-G)
- Must be updated every 3 years (State Plan was approved by FEMA October 2010)

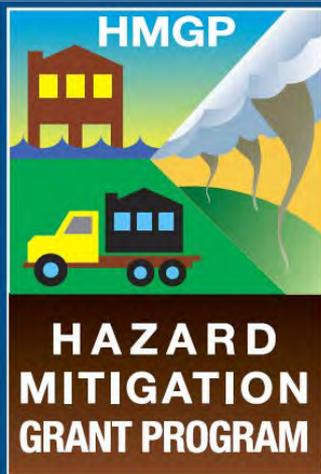


# Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Local mitigation plans are multi-jurisdictional
- Must be updated every 5 years
- Continues eligibility for HMA grant programs

# HMA Programs

Disaster Funding



Annual Appropriation Funding





# What are the minimum criteria to be eligible?

\*All 5 must be met\*

- Conforms with State and Local Mitigation Plans
- Provides beneficial impact upon the designated disaster area
- Conforms with environmental laws and regulations (Floodplain Management and NEPA)
- Solves a problem independently or constitutes a functional portion of the solution (no studies)
- Is cost-effective and reduces the risk of future damages



# Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

HMGP is authorized through a Presidential major disaster declaration for activities that provide a beneficial impact to the disaster area.



# Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

FEMA will allocate funds for eligible projects to States and Territories consistent with applicable, statutory base and/or maximum allocations in the authorizing and appropriation laws. FEMA will administer the program as directed by Congress.



# Types of Eligible Projects

- Community/individual safe rooms
- Acquisitions or buyouts of hazard prone property and conversion to open space
- Retrofitting existing buildings and structures for property protection
- Elevations of flood prone structures
- Stormwater management projects
- Flood control projects



# Questions

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