



OCD-DRU-HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Additional Funds to Elevate Your Home

The Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides an award up to \$30,000 (based on actual construction costs) to eligible Road Home Program participating homeowners to elevate or reconstruct their homes to meet the Advisory Base Flood Elevation or to meet the adopted Base Flood Elevation if no ABFE exists. Homeowner eligibility is determined by FEMA based on HMGP regulations. These funds are not subject to the Road Home \$150,000 maximum cap.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

You must meet the following criteria to be considered for the OCD-DRU HMGP award:

- Homeowner is an eligible recipient of the *Road Home* program (although if you were ruled ineligible due to receipt of funds from other sources you may also be eligible)
- Homeowner selected *Road Home* Option 1 – Keep your home
- Homeowner still owns the home that was eligible for *Road Home* benefits
- The structure is located in the 100 year floodplain
- Homeowner agrees to comply with all HMGP regulations

AWARD AMOUNT

The OCD- DRU HMGP is a reimbursement program; eligible applicants may receive up to \$30,000 based on documentation of actual total construction costs.

- Homeowners are eligible for a mid-point payment once half of the construction work has been completed
- The balance will be paid upon completion of work and approval of required documentation

ELEVATING YOUR HOME

Elevation means raising the lowest floor of the structure to comply with local floodplain ordinances and the requirements of the ABFEs published in 2007. The structure is raised with a higher first floor, allowing floodwater to flow under the house rather than through it. This is accomplished by:

- Elevating the entire house, or
- Leaving the house in its existing position and constructing a new elevated floor within the house.

RECONSTRUCTING YOUR HOME

Reconstruction means demolishing and rebuilding structures in compliance with the ABFEs or the Base Flood Elevation, whichever is higher. The new structure must be designed and rebuilt, at minimum, to the requirements of the 2003 edition of the International Building Code, or The International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings published by the International Code Council. The total square footage of the new structure cannot be greater than 110% of the original structure's footprint.



To learn more about the OCD - DRU HMGP Award, call 1-877-744-7235 or 1 -225-339-3746
Or email us at hazardmitigation@la.gov

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