



National Reform: How the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Impacts You

The National Tornado Summit

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It's a Movement...



Adopting Model Codes Saves	\$11 per \$1 Spent
Federal Mitigation Grants Save	\$6 per \$1 Spent
Exceeding Codes Saves	\$4 per \$1 Spent
Mitigating Infrastructure Saves	\$4 per \$1 Spent



DRRA

Significant Reforms

DRRA amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and:

- acknowledges the **shared responsibility of disaster response and recovery**;
- aims to **reduce the complexity of FEMA**, and
- **builds the nation's capacity** for the next catastrophic event.

National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation



- An additional **6 percent set-aside from disaster expenses.**
- Funds projects that increase community resilience before a disaster occurs.
- Significant increase in reliable funding for grants to state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

- Reimbursement for **base and overtime wages for extra hires** to facilitate the implementation and enforcement of adopted building codes.
- Assistance to state and local governments for building codes and floodplain management **ordinance administration and enforcement.**

Wildfires and Windstorms

- Provides hazard mitigation grant funding in areas that received Fire Management Assistance Grants as a result of wildfire.
- Fourteen new mitigation project types associated with wildfires and windstorms.



Increasing State Capacity

Manage Disaster Recovery

Reimburses Administrative Costs

- Public Assistance (12 percent)
- Hazard Mitigation Projects (15 percent)

Removes the Alternative Project Funding Reduction

Rewarding Good Behavior



Incentivizes and rewards practical changes in states/communities that save both lives and property by making them eligible for an adjustment in cost share in federal disaster assistance, **up to 10%**.



Leveraging Existing Programs for Resilience



Existing Programs



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Supports risk reduction activities

Improves resiliency

Eliminates the impact of future events

Provides a long-term solution to problem

Helps avoid repetitive damage from disasters

Public Assistance Mitigation Funding

Measures to protect a damaged facility against future damage,

Restoration of facilities to local codes and standards,

Hazard-resistant design provisions of the consensus-based codes for buildings that have sustained significant damage, and

Relocation of some facilities outside hazard-prone areas.

Next Steps:



Washington, DC Disaster Resilience Summit

Exploring the Future of Mitigation, Security, and Infrastructure on Capitol Hill

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Questions?



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