

APPENDIX E: FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

This appendix provides a summary of available federal programs that relate to mitigation planning and may provide possible sources of funding or technical support for mitigation initiatives.

Program/Activity	Type of Assistance	Agency and Contact
<b>Basic and Applied Research/Development</b>		
Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information	<b>Technical Assistance:</b> Develops and evaluates technology for information integration and dissemination	Department of Interior ( <b>DOI</b> ) –US Geological Survey ( <b>USGS</b> ), The Center for Integration of Natural Hazards Research: (703) 648-6059 <a href="mailto:hazinfo@usgs.gov">hazinfo@usgs.gov</a>
Hazard Reduction Program	<b>Funding</b> for research and related educational activities on hazards.	National Science Foundation ( <b>NSF</b> ), Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Hazard Reduction Program: (703) 306-1360
Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program	<b>Funding</b> for research and related educational activities on risk, perception, communication, and management (primarily technological hazards)	<b>NSF</b> – Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science, Division of Social Behavioral and Economic Research, Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program (DRMS): (703) 306-1757 <a href="http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/drms/start.htm">www.nsf.gov/sbe/drms/start.htm</a>
Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science, and Technology Program	<b>Funding</b> for research and related educational activities on topics such as ethics, values, and the assessment, communication, management and perception of risk	<b>NSF</b> – Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science and Technology Program: (703) 306-1743
National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) in Earth Sciences	<b>Research</b> into basic and applied earth and building sciences.	<b>NSF</b> – Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences: (703) 306-1550
<b>Technical and Planning Assistance</b>		
Planning Assistance to States	<b>Technical and planning assistance</b> for the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.	Department of Defense ( <b>DOD</b> ) US Army Corps of Engineers ( <b>USACE</b> ) Contact the Floodplain Management Staff in the Appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7813 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4441 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-6050 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-5827 Northwestern: (503) 808-3853 Southwestern: (214-767-2613 South Pacific: (415) 977-8164 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-8863
Disaster Mitigation Planning and Technical Assistance	<b>Technical and planning assistance</b> grants for capacity building and mitigation project activities focusing on creating disaster resistant jobs and workplaces.	Department of Commerce ( <b>DOC</b> ), Economic Development Administration ( <b>EDA</b> ): (800) 345-1222 <b>EDA's</b> Disaster Recovery Coordinator: (202) 482-6225 <a href="http://www.doc.gov/eda">www.doc.gov/eda</a>

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Watershed Surveys and Planning	<b>Surveys and planning studies</b> for appraising water and related resources, and formulating alternative plans for conservation use and development. Grants and advisory/counseling services to assist w/ planning and implementation improvement.	US Department of Agriculture ( <b>USDA</b> ) – National Resources Conservation Service ( <b>NRCS</b> ) Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-4527 Deputy Chief for Programs: (202) 690-0848 <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov">www.nrcs.usda.gov</a>
National Flood Insurance Program	<b>Formula grants to States</b> to assist communities to comply with NFIP floodplain management requirements (Community Assistance Program).	<b>FEMA</b>
Emergency Management / Mitigation Training	<b>Training</b> in disaster mitigation, preparedness, planning.	<b>FEMA</b>
National Dam Safety Program	<b>Technical assistance</b> , training, and grants to help improve State dam safety programs.	<b>FEMA</b>
National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	<b>Training, planning and technical assistance</b> under grants to States or local jurisdictions.	<b>FEMA; DOI-USGS USGS</b> Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
Volcano Hazards Program	<b>Technical assistance:</b> Volcano hazard warnings and operation of four volcano observatories to monitor and assess volcano hazard risk.	<b>DOI-USGS</b> Volcanic Hazards Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6708 (650) 329-5228
Floodplain Management Services	<b>Technical and planning assistance</b> at the local, regional, or national level needed to support effective floodplain management.	<b>DOD-USACE</b> North Atlantic: (212) 264-7813 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4441 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-6050 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-5827 Northwestern: (503) 808-3853 Southwestern: (214-767-2613 South Pacific: (415) 977-8164 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-8863
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	<b>Technical and financial assistance</b> for installing works of improvement to protect, develop, and utilize land or water resources in small watersheds under 250,000 acres.	<b>USDA-NRCS</b> Director, Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042 (202) 690-4614 <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov">www.nrcs.usda.gov</a>
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	<b>Technical</b> , educational, and limited <b>financial assistance</b> to encourage environmental enhancement.	<b>USDA-NRCS</b> NRCS County Offices Or NRCS EQUIP Program Manager: (202) 720-1834 <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov">www.nrcs.usda.gov</a>

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National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program	<b>Technical and planning assistance</b> for activities associated with earthquake hazards mitigation.	FEMA, DOI-USGS Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
<b>HAZARD Identification and Mapping</b>		
National Flood Insurance Program: Flood Mapping	<b>Flood insurance rate maps</b> and flood plain management maps for all NFIP communities;	FEMA
National Flood Insurance Program: Technical Mapping Advisory Council	<b>Technical guidance and advice</b> to coordinate FEMA's map modernization efforts for the National Flood Insurance Program.	<b>DOI-USGS</b> <b>USGS</b> – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
National Digital Orthophoto Program	Develops <b>topographic quadrangles</b> for use in mapping of flood and other hazards.	<b>DOI-USGS</b> <b>USGS</b> – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
Stream gauging and Flood Monitoring Network	Operation of a <b>network of over 7,000 stream gauging stations</b> that provide data on the flood characteristics of rivers.	<b>DOE-USGS</b> Chief, Office of Surface Water, <b>USGS:</b> (703) 648-5303
Mapping Standards Support	<b>Expertise in mapping and digital data</b> standards to support the National Flood Insurance Program.	<b>DOI-USGS</b> USGS – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
Soil Survey	<b>Maintains soil surveys</b> of counties or other areas to assist with farming, conservation, mitigation or related purposes.	<b>USDA-NRCS</b> NRCS – Deputy Chief for Soil Science and Resource Assessment: (202) 720-4630
National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	<b>Seismic mapping for U.S.</b>	<b>DOI-USGS</b> USGS Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
<b>Project Support</b>		
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	<b>Direct support</b> for carrying out aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that will improve the quality of the environment.	<b>DOD-USACE</b> Chief of Planning @ appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7111 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4580 Great Lakes and Ohio River Chicago: (312) 886-5468 Cincinnati: (513) 684-3008 Mississippi Valley Division: (601) 634-7880 Northwestern Division Portland: (503) 808-3850 Omaha: (402) 697-2470 Southwestern Division: (214) 767-2314 South Pacific Division: (415) 977-8171 Pacific Ocean Division: (808) 438-3850

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Beneficial Uses of Dredged Materials	<b>Direct assistance</b> for projects that protect, restore, and create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands, in connection with dredging an authorized Federal navigation project.	<b>DOD-USACE</b> Same as above
Wetlands Protection – Development Grants	<b>Grants</b> to support the development and enhancement of State and tribal wetlands protection programs.	US Environmental Protection Agency ( <b>EPA</b> ) EPA Wetlands Hotline: (800) 832-7828 Or EPA Headquarters, Office of Water Chief, Wetlands Strategies and State Programs: (202) 260-6045
Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants	<b>Grants to States</b> to implement non-point source programs, including support for non-structural watershed resource restoration activities.	<b>EPA</b> Office of Water Chief, Non-Point Source Control Branch: (202) 260-7088, 7100
Coastal Zone Management Program	<b>Grants</b> for planning and implementation of non-structural coastal flood and hurricane hazard mitigation projects and coastal wetlands restoration.	Department of Commerce <b>DOC</b> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ( <b>NOAA</b> ) National Ocean Service Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Chief, Coastal Programs Division: (301) 713-3102
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) State Administered Program	<b>Grants to States</b> to develop viable communities (e.g., housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities) in non-entitled areas, for low- and moderate-income persons.	US Department of Housing and Urban Development ( <b>HUD</b> ) State CDBG Program Manager Or State and Small Cities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-3587
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities Program	<b>Grants</b> to entitled cities and urban counties to develop viable communities (e.g., decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities), principally for low- and moderate-income persons.	<b>HUD</b> City and county applicants should call the Community Planning and Development staff of their appropriate HUD field office. As an alternative, they may call the Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-1577, 3587
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	Provides <b>technical and financial assistance</b> for relief from imminent hazards in small watersheds, and to reduce vulnerability of life and property in small watershed areas damaged by severe natural hazard events.	<b>USDA – NRCS</b> National Office – (202) 690-0848 Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042
Rural Development Assistance -- Utilities	Direct and guaranteed rural economic <b>loans and business enterprise grants</b> to address utility issues and development needs.	<b>USDA-Rural Utilities Service (RUS)</b> Program Support: (202) 720-1382 Northern Regional Division: (202) 720-1402 Electric Staff Division: (202) 720-1900 Power Supply Division: (202) 720-6436

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Rural Development Assistance – Housing	<b>Grants, loans, and technical assistance</b> in addressing rehabilitation, health and safety needs in primarily low-income rural areas. Declaration of major disaster necessary.	<b>USDA-Rural Housing Service (RHS)</b> Community Programs: (202) 720-1502 Single Family Housing: (202) 720-3773 Multi Family Housing: (202) 720-5177
Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities	<b>Funding and technical assistance</b> to communities and States to implement a sustained pre-disaster mitigation program.	<b>FEMA</b>
Flood Mitigation Assistance	<b>Grants to States</b> and communities for pre-disaster mitigation to help reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program.	<b>FEMA</b>
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	<b>Grants to States and communities</b> for implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration.	<b>FEMA</b>
Public Assistance Program (Infrastructure)	<b>Grants to States and communities</b> to repair damaged infrastructure and public facilities, and help restore government or government-related services. Mitigation funding is available for work related to damaged components of the eligible building or structure.	<b>FEMA</b>
National Flood Insurance Program	Makes available <b>flood insurance</b> to residents of communities that adopt and enforce minimum floodplain management requirements.	<b>FEMA</b>
HOME Investments Partnerships Program	<b>Grants to States, local government</b> and consortia for permanent and transitional housing (including support for property acquisition and rehabilitation) for low-income persons.	<b>HUD</b> Community Planning and Development, Grant Programs, Office of Affordable Housing, HOME Investment Partnership Programs: (202) 708-2685 (202) 708 0614 extension 4594 1-800-998-9999
Disaster Recovery Initiative	<b>Grants</b> to fund gaps in available recovery assistance after disasters (including mitigation).	<b>HUD</b> Community Planning and Development Divisions in their respective HUD field offices or HUD Community Planning and Development: (202) 708-2605

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Non-Structural Alternatives to Structural Rehabilitation of Damaged Flood Control Works	<b>Direct planning and construction grants</b> for non-structural alternatives to the structural rehabilitation of flood control works damaged in floods or coastal storms. \$9 million FY99	<b>DOD-USACE</b> Emergency Management contact in respective <b>USACE</b> field office: North Atlantic: (718) 491-8735 South Atlantic: (404) 331-6795 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-3086 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-7304 Northwestern: (503) 808-3903 Southwestern: (214) 767-2425 South Pacific: (415) 977-8054 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-1673
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	<b>Financial and technical assistance</b> to private landowners interested in pursuing restoration projects affecting wetlands and riparian habitats.	Department of Interior ( <b>DOI</b> ) – Fish and Wildlife Service ( <b>FWS</b> ) National Coordinator, Ecological Services: (703) 358-2201 A list of State and Regional contacts is available from the National Coordinator upon request.
Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment	Provides for <b>ecosystem restoration</b> by modifying structures and/or operations or water resources projects constructed by the USACE, or restoring areas where a USACE project contributed to the degradation of an area.	<b>DOD-USACE</b> Chief of Planning @ appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7111 South Atlantic: (404) 331-6270 Great Lakes and Ohio River Chicago: (312) 886-5468 Cincinnati: (513) 684-3008 Mississippi Valley Division: (601) 634-5762 Northwestern Division Portland: (503) 808-3850 Omaha: (402) 697-2470 Southwestern Division: (214) 767-2310 South Pacific Division: (415) 977-8171 Pacific Ocean Division: (808) 438-8880
Post-Disaster Economic Recovery Grants and Assistance	<b>Grant funding</b> to assist with the long-term economic recovery of communities, industries, and firms adversely impacted by disasters.	Department of Commerce ( <b>DOC</b> ) – Economic Development Administration ( <b>EDA</b> ) EDA Headquarters Disaster Recovery Coordinator: (202) 482-6225
Public Housing Modernization Reserve for Disasters and Emergencies	<b>Funding</b> to public housing agencies for modernization needs resulting from natural disasters (including elevation, flood proofing, and retrofit).	<b>HUD</b> Director, Office of Capital Improvements: (202) 708-1640
Indian Housing Assistance (Housing Improvement Program)	<b>Project grants and technical assistance</b> to substantially eliminate sub-standard Indian housing.	Department of Interior ( <b>DOI</b> )-Bureau of Indian Affairs ( <b>BIA</b> ) Division of Housing Assistance, Office of Tribal Services: (202) 208-5427
Land Protection	<b>Technical assistance</b> for run-off retardation and soil erosion prevention to reduce hazards to life and property.	<b>USDA-NRCS</b> Applicants should contact the National NRCS office: (202) 720-4527

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North American Wetland Conservation Fund	<b>Cost-share grants</b> to stimulate public/private partnerships for the protection, restoration and management of wetland habitats.	<b>DOI-FWS</b> North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office: (703) 358-1784
Land Acquisition	<b>Acquires or purchases easements</b> on high-quality lands and waters for inclusion into the National Wildlife Refuge System.	<b>DOI-FWS</b> Division of Realty, National Coordinator: (703) 358-1713
Federal Land Transfer / Federal Land to Parks Program	<b>Identifies, assesses, and transfers available Federal real</b> property for acquisition for State and local parks and recreation, such as open space.	<b>DOI-NPS</b> General Services Administration Offices Fort Worth, TX: (817) 334-2331 Boston, MA: (617) 835-5700 Or Federal Lands to Parks Leader <b>NPS</b> National Office: (202) 565-1184
Wetlands Reserve Program	<b>Financial and technical assistance</b> to protect and restore wetlands through easements and restoration agreements.	<b>USDA-NRCS</b> National Policy Coordinator NRCS Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042
Transfers of Inventory Farm Properties to Federal and State Agencies for Conservation Purposes	Transfers title of certain inventory farm properties owned by FSA to Federal and State agencies for <b>conservation</b> purposes (including the restoration of wetlands and floodplain areas to reduce future flood potential)	US Department of Agriculture ( <b>USDA</b> ) – Farm Service Agency ( <b>FSA</b> ) Farm Loan Programs National Office: (202) 720-3467, 1632
<b>Financing and Loan Guarantees</b>		
Physical Disaster Loans and Economic Injury Disaster Loans	<b>Disaster loans</b> to non-farm, private sector owners of disaster damaged property for uninsured losses. Loans can be increased by up to 20 percent for mitigation purposes.	Small Business Administration ( <b>SBA</b> ) National Headquarters Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance: (202) 205-6734
Conservation Contracts	<b>Debt reduction</b> for delinquent and non-delinquent borrowers in exchange for conservation contracts placed on environmentally sensitive real property that secures FSA loans.	<b>USDA-FSA</b> Farm Loan Programs FSA National Office: (202) 720-3467, 1632 or local FSA office
Clean Water State Revolving Funds	<b>Loans</b> at actual or below-market interest rates to help build, repair, relocate, or replace wastewater treatment plants.	<b>EPA</b> EPA Office of Water State Revolving Fund Branch Branch Chief: (202) 260-7359 A list of Regional Offices is available upon request
Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program	<b>Loan guarantees</b> to public entities for community and economic development (including mitigation measures).	<b>HUD</b> Community Planning and Development staff at appropriate HUD field office, or the Section 108 Office in HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-1871

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Section 504 Loans for Housing	<b>Repair loans, grants and technical assistance</b> to very low-income senior homeowners living in rural areas to repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards.	US Department of Agriculture ( <b>USDA</b> ) – Rural Housing Service ( <b>RHS</b> ) Contact local RHS Field Office, or RHS Headquarters, Director, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division: (202) 720-1474
Section 502 Loan and Guaranteed Loan Program	Provides <b>loans, loan guarantees, and technical assistance</b> to very low and low-income applicants to purchase, build, or rehabilitate a home in a rural area.	<b>USDA-RHS</b> Contact the Local RHS Field Office, or the Director, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, RHS: (202) 720-1452
Rural Development Assistance -- Utilities	Direct and guaranteed <b>rural economic loans and business enterprise grants</b> to address utility issues and development needs.	<b>USDA-Rural Utility Service (RUS)</b> Contact Rural Development Field Offices, or RHS, Deputy Administrator, Community Programs Division: (202) 720-1490
Farm Ownership Loans	<b>Direct loans, guaranteed / insured loans, and technical assistance</b> to farmers so that they may develop, construct, improve, or repair farm homes, farms, and service buildings, and to make other necessary improvements.	<b>USDA-FSA</b> Director, Farm Programs Loan Making Division, FSA: (202) 720-1632