

# Is Your Community Prepared for the Next Disaster?

Did you know that Federal  
and State funding is  
available to develop a  
Hazard Mitigation Plan?

## For More Information:

Alaska Division of Homeland Security  
& Emergency Management

ATTN: Mark Roberts, State Hazard  
Mitigation Officer

P.O. Box 570, Fort Richardson AK  
99505-5750

Phone 907-428-7016

Toll Free 800-478-2337  
Fax 907-428-7009

Email Address: [mark.roberts@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.roberts@alaska.gov)



# FEMA



- Will be eligible for grant funding for projects that will make your community safer
- Will save money by reducing recovery and reconstruction costs after a hazardous event

### How Can My Community Get Started Preparing a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

If your community desires to prepare a hazard mitigation plan, or simply wants more information, contact the Alaska Division of Homeland Security (DHS) and Emergency Management (EM) to tell them of your interest.



- The effects on people can be avoided or reduced by preventing or at least minimizing damages from a hazard
- Recovery and reconstruction after a disaster is much more costly – up to 4 times as much – than the actions or projects that would reduce or eliminate the damages

### What are the Benefits of a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Your community's hazard mitigation plan will be a guide for coordinating hazard mitigation planning efforts. When the plan is approved by the State and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), your community:

### What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A hazard mitigation plan is a document that identifies:

- Hazards -- such as floods, earthquakes, and winter storms – that can harm people and damage homes, other structures, roads, and other critical facilities
- Mitigation measures that could minimize or eliminate the effects of hazards
- Actions or projects that would make a community more disaster resistant

### Why Should My Community Prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

The human suffering, inconvenience, and costs of recovering and rebuilding after a disaster can be great.

