

FEMA Publishes Funding Opportunities to Help Communities Prepare for Earthquake Risks

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency made \$3.8 million in federal funding available to help communities address earthquake risk.

Earthquakes can happen nearly anywhere with little to no warning and can cause mass devastation to American communities. These federal funds demonstrate how FEMA is empowering communities across the country to make smart investments in disaster readiness and hazard mitigation before a disaster occurs.

The funding opportunities published today span [two separate grant programs](#):

- The Fiscal Year 2026 [Individual State Earthquake Assistance](#) funding opportunity makes more than \$2.3 million available to states and territories that have a high to very high seismic risk. Recipients will use the funding to fund mitigation activities such as, conducting safety inspections of buildings and critical infrastructure, updating building codes to enhance safety, conducting exercises or training to prepare first responders and emergency managers, and educating the public about earthquake safety.
- The Fiscal Year 2026 [Multi-State and National Earthquake Assistance](#) funding opportunity makes more than \$1.5 million available to higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations. Recipients will use the money to develop and implement regional or national earthquake risk mitigation activities such as promoting annual earthquake drills or promoting earthquake insurance in communities at risk.

Both programs are part of the [National Earthquake Hazards Reductions Program](#), which is a broad, federal coordination effort between four agencies: FEMA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Science Foundation and U.S. Geological Survey. These federal agencies work in close coordination to improve the nation's understanding of earthquake hazards and to mitigate their effects.

Examples of FEMA's responsibilities include:

- Program implementation and outreach
- Multi-state consortia and partnerships
- State earthquake programs



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- Standards for critical lifelines infrastructure

The application period for both funding opportunities opens on July 13, 2026, and ends on August 14, 2026. Comprehensive information on these funding opportunities, including eligibility criteria and allowable expenses, is available online at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

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