

Hazard Mitigation Grants Available for Winter Storms

Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be available due to the Presidential disaster declarations after the December and January winter storms. In addition, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program deadline for the 2008 tornadoes has been extended.

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management says eligible projects must reduce or eliminate losses from future natural disasters, including, but not limited to:

- Construction of tornado safe rooms.
- Acquisition, structural relocation, or elevation of buildings.
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards.
- Minor structural hazard control or protection project.
- Localized flood control projects.

Applicants who may be eligible include state agencies and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments, including state-recognized Indian tribes and authorized tribal organizations; and certain private nonprofit organizations.

For additional information and applications go to www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/Programs_Hazard_Mitigation.html.