



Below is the list of questions to help you prepare for the Planning Program Call:

Hazard Mitigation Planning

1. What types of natural hazards pose the most severe risk to your community?
2. What mitigation or resilience practices would reduce the risk of impact to people and property?
3. Is funding available to promote hazard risk mitigation in your community?
4. Are there plans that prioritize funding for specific mitigation projects?

Population

5. Have you identified target neighborhoods or areas for resilience/mitigation efforts?
6. What communities or populations will be served?
7. Are there underserved groups or neighborhoods in your community that might need to be prioritized?
8. Are there concentrations of renters, Low- or moderate-income, or groups with other social or economic vulnerabilities that might be prioritized?

Housing

9. Is there a need for development of new affordable housing; are there plans for development of resilient housing in low-risk areas?
10. Do you currently have a housing market report or study that defines the characteristics of your local housing market?
11. Do you currently have a consolidated or comprehensive housing plan?
12. Do you know how much of the housing stock in your community is susceptible to flooding?
13. Do you know the general age and durability of your housing stock?
14. What is the prevailing code enforced within the region and is this adequate to prevent hazard impacts?
15. Are there public and assisted housing units at high risk?
16. Are there housing/neighborhoods that experience repetitive losses?

Critical Lifelines

17. Have you identified the community's critical lifelines or essential services that should be prioritized for resilience or mitigation efforts?
18. What critical services are most important in your community?
 - Bridges, Major roadways
 - Public transportation assets (bus depot, train stations)
 - Wastewater and water management facilities
 - Electrical substations, transmission lines
 - Hospitals, police, fire, schools
 - Social services and public facilities, special needs shelters
 - Sites storing hazardous materials, chemicals
 - Communications infrastructure and facilities

19. What facilities are the highest priority for mitigation to ensure the community can recover from a disaster as quickly as possible?
20. How can mitigation strategies protect energy generation to ensure the community has power during a natural hazard event?

Future Development

21. What areas have been projected to increase in population or experience new development?
22. Does current and projected natural hazard risk factor into development plans in the area?
23. What are the potential economic vulnerabilities in the region if natural hazards events occur more frequently?
24. What mitigation or resilience strategies are needed to respond to future risks?

Emergency Evacuation

25. What plans are in place to ensure residents can safely and efficiently evacuate areas in danger of natural hazard impacts?

Project Identification/Readiness

26. Does your agency currently have a capital investment plan that includes mitigation projects currently in need of gap funding? Are projects ready for construction, or would additional planning be necessary to identify shovel ready projects?

Organizational Capacities

27. Does your agency have the fiscal and operational capacity to oversee the development of mitigation project(s) either as a subrecipient or project sponsor?
28. Does your agency have the capacity to facilitate the procurement/project selection processes and serve in the capacity as a Responsible Entity for such projects?

Community Vision

29. What is your vision for a more resilient community? How can a plan ensure you aren't left out when disaster funding comes through?
30. Have you worked with your region other communities to realize your vision for the area?
31. What resources do you need to realize your vision for the community?