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# Advisory

## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Workshops Scheduled

**ATLANTA, Ga.** - The Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will hold five workshops later this month and in December to explain a hazard mitigation program that funds projects that reduce or eliminate damage from future disasters.

A portion of the federal funding made available for disaster response and recovery from Hurricane Michael is allocated for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The program provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation projects.

State officials will be available to answer questions and provide recovery information to workshop participants and to anyone who is interested.

The workshops are scheduled at:

- **Mitchell County Emergency Services Facility (EMS/911)** – Tuesday, November 27, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
4767 Highway 37, Camilla, Georgia 31730
- **Tift County EOC** – Wednesday, November 28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon,  
316 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tifton, Georgia 31794
- **Coffee County EOC** – Monday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,  
941 Mahogany Road, Douglas, Georgia 31533
- **Fall Line Technical College** – Tuesday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to noon,  
1189 Deepstep Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082
- **Russell Thomas Public Safety Building (Council Chambers)** – Tuesday, December 4, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
119 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

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Examples of HMGP projects include:

- Development or improvement of warning systems that include mitigation measures;
- Construction of public tornado safe rooms that meet FEMA construction guidelines;
- Retrofitting methods, such as elevation in place, structure relocation, structural reinforcement for high wind and seismic events, strapping of utilities, installation of storm shutters, tie downs, and other measures;
- Acquisition of property and/or relocation of homes, businesses and public facilities from hazard-prone areas;
- Generators that protect a critical facility and meets all other HMGP eligibility criteria. Critical facilities may include Emergency Operation Centers, police and fire stations, hospitals, and water and sewer treatment facilities;
- Wildfire mitigation, such as creating defensible space, application of ignition-resistant construction and hazardous fuel reduction;
- Soil stabilization projects that protect against erosion and landslides;
- Structural hazard control or protection measures, such as floodwalls, detention basins and other storm drainage upgrades; and
- Development of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets federal standards.

The state's priority for the HMGP is to fund projects that reduce or eliminate damages to life and property resulting from high winds and flooding.

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*As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMA/HS works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMA/HS employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. Go to [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) or download the free Ready Georgia app to get information on preparing for a disaster and developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.*

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