



North Carolina Emergency Management Resiliency Section/Hazard Mitigation Grants

Fact Sheet

Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program (UHMA)

Elevation Overview

Structure elevation or “house raising” involves physically raising an existing structure to an elevation at the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or higher if required by FEMA or local Ordinance. Structure elevation may be achieved through a variety of methods, including elevating on continuous foundation walls; elevating on open foundations, such as piles, piers, posts, or columns; and elevating on fill. Buildings proposed for elevation must be structurally sound and capable of being elevated safely. This program pays for the engineering to determine if the home is feasible to raise, then elevates and retrofits the foundation.

Eligibility

- Structure being elevated must meet FEMA Cost-Effective requirements. NCEM supports local governments with this determination.
- Structure must be found feasible for elevation
- Structure and land must be owned by the applicant

Required Documentation

Local officials will work with homeowners to obtain all necessary documentation for project package to include:

- Tax Card
- Flood Insurance Declaration Page (Required for some non-disaster projects)
- Photos (4 Sides)
- Elevation Certificate (if available)
- FEMA required elevation forms
- Homeowner Intake Form

** Please note that following participation in the Mitigation programs for elevation you will be required to maintain flood insurance on the mitigated structure for the remaining life of the home. **

NCEM will be working closely with local governments on program eligibility and grant proposals to FEMA for this long-term program designed to protect lives and property from future disaster.