

The Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR) is an applied research program working toward the mission of creating a disaster resilient state. Developed and coordinated by the Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE) at the University of Oregon, OPDR employs a service learning model to increase community capacity and enhance disaster safety and resilience statewide. For more information about what we do, who we are, or how you can access information about our projects, please use the links at the top of this page.

Why Update a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan? Updating your NHMP every five years and obtaining FEMA's approval will allow your community to remain eligible for federal grant funding. The federal grant programs available to communities with a NHMP include FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. The PDM Program provides federal funding to communities for projects that reduce a community's overall hazard risk to populations and structures before a natural disaster occurs. The HMGP provides funding for mitigation projects after a major presidential disaster declaration, and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the recovery stage. Finally, the FMA Program funds projects that reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to buildings insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For more information on the each grant program and eligibility requirements, see FEMA's FY2010 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance available at www.fema.gov. For more information on natural hazard mitigation plans and their purpose, see pages 1 and 2 in the Oregon Pre-Disaster Mitigation Community Training Manual (at <http://opdr.uoregon.edu>).

NHMP Maintenance

The Lincoln County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and city addendum will be updated every five years in accordance with the update schedule outlined in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. During the county plan update process, the city will also review and update its addendum. The convener will be responsible for convening the steering committee to address the questions outlined below.

- Are there new partners that should be brought to the table?
- Are there new local, regional, state, or federal policies influencing natural hazards that should be addressed?
- Has the community successfully implemented any mitigation activities since the plan was last updated?
- Have new issues or problems related to hazards been identified in the community?
- Are the actions still appropriate given current resources?
- Have there been any changes in development patterns that could influence the effects of hazards?
- Have there been any significant changes in the community's demographics that could influence the effects of hazards?
- Are there new studies or data available that would enhance the risk assessment?
- Has the community been affected by any disasters? Did the plan accurately address the impacts of this event?

These questions will help the steering committee determine what components of the mitigation plan need updating. The steering committee will be responsible for updating any deficiencies found in the plan.