

2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

Pre-Submission Meetings

September 2, 2020

September 10, 2020

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2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

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- The program covers primary residential or commercial building structures, bridges and structural driveways that cross stream channels, and removal of debris in stream channels located in Flood Zones A, AE, and Shaded X
- Available to property owners
- Available to business owners who rent or lease space
 - Eligible projects for business owners include those that increase the flood resilience of their business, merchandise, or equipment.

2020 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

- The County will match 50 percent of costs:
 - up to \$2,500 for business owners
 - up to \$5,000 for property owners
- \$200,000 available
 - \$75,000 prioritized for business owners
 - \$125,000 dedicated for residential and commercial property owners
- Retroactive for repairs performed since July 1, 2018
- Priority given to business owners and property owners who did not previously receive grant funding.
- Applications due on **October 9, 2020**
- Awards announced on or before **November 2, 2020**

Where to find the application:

<https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/>

- EC Safe and Sound
- Supporting Property and Business Owners

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the website [ecsafeandsound.org](https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/). The browser's address bar shows the URL. The website's navigation menu includes: Home, EC Safe and Sound, Flood Mitigation Projects, News, Resources, Reports, and a partially visible 'F'. A dropdown menu is open under 'EC Safe and Sound', listing: Ensuring Public Safety, Supporting Property and Business Owners, Retaining EC's Historic Charm, and Developing an Inclusive Process. Three yellow arrows point to the browser tab, the 'EC Safe and Sound' menu item, and the 'Supporting Property and Business Owners' dropdown item. The background of the screenshot is a street scene with people walking and buildings. Large white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the screenshot, reading 'Ellicott City Safe and Sound'.

Where to find the application:

Supporting Property and Business Owners

<https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/supporting-property-and-business-ow>

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

<https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/flood-mitigation-assistance>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [ecsafeandsound.org/supporting-property-and-business-ow](https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/supporting-property-and-business-ow). The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, EC Safe and Sound, Flood Mitigation Projects, News, Resources, Reports, and FAQs. A profile picture of Calvin Ball, County Executive, is in the top right. The main content area is titled "Supporting Property and Business Owners" and includes a brief description of the Ball Administration's commitment. Below this, three links are displayed: "Flood Mitigation Assistance Program" (with a sub-link for "New Round of Funding!"), "Working with State Partners", and "West End and Valley Mede Acquisitions". Each link is accompanied by a small image. A yellow arrow points from the top of the page to the navigation menu, and another yellow arrow points from the "Flood Mitigation Assistance Program" link to its corresponding image.

Supporting Property and Business Owners
The Ball Administration is committed to providing resources to support business and property owners as they continue to recover from the 2016 and 2018 floods.

[Flood Mitigation Assistance Program](#)
New Round of Funding!

[Working with State Partners](#)

[West End and Valley Mede Acquisitions](#)

Where to find the application:

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Page

<https://www.ecsafeandsound.org/flood-mitigation-assistance>

- Grant Qualifying Criteria
- Frequently Asked Questions

Application

<https://floodgrant.howardcountymd.gov/>



Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

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The 2016 and 2018 floods were devastating for residents and business owners across the county. Many of these homes and businesses would benefit from flood mitigation projects that aim to protect their properties or business assets from future disasters. The "Flood Mitigation Assistance Program" offers matching grants to fund flood mitigation projects in specified flood zone areas.

This grant program is available to property owners in the Plumtree, Little Plumtree, Bonnie Branch, Tiber-Hudson, and New Cut watersheds for improvements to their primary buildings or structural stream crossings only. These watersheds specifically include the following Ellicott City communities: Valley Mede, Chatham, Dunloggin, Historic Ellicott City and communities off Frederick Road, Old Columbia Pike, Bonnie Branch Road, and New Cut Road. The county will match 50 percent of flood proofing costs up to a maximum match of \$5,000 for property owners and \$2,500 for business owners. Businesses must be in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

[Click here to apply for the flood mitigation assistance grant!](#)



Enclose a door and convert to a window



Relocate HVAC units to rooftops or upper porches to protect from flooding and also to be hidden from public view

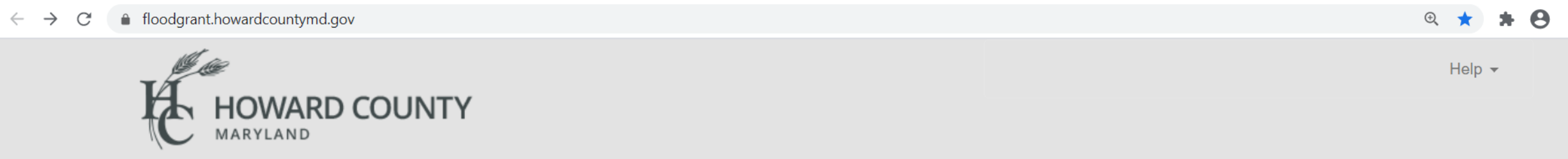


Eligible Projects

Examples of eligible projects that could be done on structures could include flood doors, sealant, relocation of HVAC units, shields, and drainage systems. Additional examples of eligible projects can be found in [this report](#) by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Examples of projects that business owners could undertake include innovative protection projects designed to increase the flood

Online Application: <https://floodgrant.howardcountymd.gov/>



Flood Assistance Program

For consideration in the Howard County Flood Assistance Program, a completed application must be submitted by Friday October 9, 2020. This is a grant program available to property owners and business owners in the Plumtree, Little Plumtree, Bonnie Branch, Tiber-Hudson, and New Cut watersheds. These watersheds specifically include the following Ellicott City communities: Valley Mede, Chatham, Dunloggin, Historic Ellicott City and communities off Frederick Road, Old Columbia Pike, Bonnie Branch Road and New Cut Road. Howard County will match 50 percent of flood proofing costs up to a maximum match of \$5,000 for property owners and \$2,500 for business owners.

Only primary residential or commercial structures and structural stream crossings in Flood Zones A, AE or Shaded X qualify for the Flood Assistance Program. Information describing how to determine whether your property is located within these flood zones is described below.

The grant application must include an application form, an elevation certificate, a flood protection proposal and cost estimate, and if applicable, a flood insurance quote noting the difference between your current and proposed premiums. If your property lies within the Ellicott City Historic District, you must also include comments or an approval from the Historic Preservation Commission <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Boards-and-Commissions/Historic-Preservation-Commission> (410-313-4428). Grant applications within Historic Ellicott City will not be processed without it.

The application must be completed in-full and signed electronically by the property owner or business owner. Required documents must be uploaded with the completed application. Information on how to upload the required documents is described below. Grant applications must be submitted online. Grants will be awarded on or before Monday November 2, 2020. The grant performance period is one year from the date of award.

There will be two pre-submission meetings to answer any questions about the grant and application process. Pre-submission meetings will be held on Wednesday September 2, 2020 and Thursday September 10, 2020 at 7 pm virtually on WebEx. If you cannot make either of these dates, please contact us at stormwater@howardcountymd.gov

Personal Information

1. Owner Last Name:

Owner First Name:

Phone:

Email:

Property Owner Business Owner

2. Owner/Applicant Address:

City

Zip

Property Information

3. Property Type:

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL BOTH

Property Address:

City

Zip

4. Year Structure was Built

<https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx>

5. Elevation Certificate Data:

Box B8. Flood Zone(s)

Box B9. Base Flood Elevation(s)

 feet

Box C2.f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LAG)

 feet

Box C2.h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including structural support

 feet

Elevation Certificate Data must be verified with an Elevation Certificate signed by a licensed professional land surveyor. The County can typically provide Elevation Certificates within four weeks of request. Flood Zones are available on FEMA's FIRM and can be viewed online through FEMA' map Service Center at: <https://msc.fema.gov>

The FEMA mapping is also available for viewing on the County website at: <http://data.howardcountymd.gov/gdfirm>

The County can typically provide Elevation Certificates within four weeks of request. Please email stormwater@howardcountymd.gov to request an elevation certificate

An example Elevation Certificate can be found here. [Elevation Certificate](#)

Flood Damage Information

6. Previous Flood Damage

Please list the dates of any previous flood damage and your cost to repair the damage (structural and mechanical damage and costs to your primary structure only - no damage or costs related to personal contents or secondary structure, e.g. sheds, garage, etc.). Please also attach any documentation or evidence of damage and costs (description, photos, receipts etc.).

Date 1:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Damage Cost 1:	<input type="text"/>
Date 2:	<input type="text"/>		Damage Cost 2:	<input type="text"/>
Date 3:	<input type="text"/>		Damage Cost 3:	<input type="text"/>
Date 4:	<input type="text"/>		Damage Cost 4:	<input type="text"/>

7. Flood Protection Proposal

In order to be eligible for the Flood Assistance Program, you must attach a flood mitigation/protection proposal provided by a licensed professional/contractor.

What is the total cost estimate listed in the flood mitigation/protection proposal?

What is the time estimate for completion of work in terms of months following proposal acceptance?

0-3 months 3-6 months 6 months-1 year >1 year Already Complete

8. Flood Insurance

Do you currently have flood insurance?

Yes No

Did you attach a quote that includes your current insurance premium and proposed insurance premium that would be effective after improvements are made?

Yes No

Current insurance premium

\$

Proposed Flood insurance premium

\$

Other Info/ Attachment

9. Historic Property

Are your proposed flood protection measures subject to Historic Preservation Commission review?

YES NO

Have you initiated the Historic Preservation Commission's approval process for your proposed flood protection measures?

YES NO

Are your proposed flood protection measures only interior modifications that are not subject to Historic Preservation Commission review?

YES NO

10. Permits

It is the applicant's responsibility to acquire all necessary building permits and other required permits. Questions regarding permits can be directed to the Howard Department of inspections, License and Permits (DILP) at 410-313-2455 and: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Inspections-License-and-Permits>

11. Attachment

Multiple files for each item can be uploaded by selecting "Choose Files" below and selecting either one zip file that includes multiple files or by holding the "Shift Key" and selecting multiple files.

Flood Protection Proposal

Choose Files No file chosen

Cost Estimate

Choose Files No file chosen

Elevation Certificate

Choose Files No file chosen

Additional Information

Choose Files No file chosen

Additional Comments

All the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also acknowledge that the work and materials I am submitting for reimbursement under this grant have never been previously submitted and reimbursed by any other grant or organization

Submit Application

Pre-Submission Meetings

- **September 2, 2020**
 - [Register Here!](#)
 - Event Number: 160 780 5991
 - Password: hHx5hGPNT52
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- **September 10, 2020**
 - [Register Here!](#)
 - Event Number: 160 681 4595
 - Password: hHx5hGPNT52

Important Dates

Application deadline: October 9, 2020

Awards announced: November 2, 2020

QUESTIONS

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