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Basic and Applied Research/Development		
Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information	Technical Assistance: Develops and evaluates technology for information integration and dissemination	Department of Interior (DOI) –US Geological Survey (USGS), The Center for Integration of Natural Hazards Research: (703) 648-6059 hazinfo@usgs.gov
Hazard Reduction Program	Funding for research and related educational activities on hazards.	National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Engineering, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Hazard Reduction Program: (703) 306-1360
Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program	Funding for research and related educational activities on risk, perception, communication, and management (primarily technological hazards)	NSF – Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science, Division of Social Behavioral and Economic Research, Decision, Risk, and Management Science Program (DRMS): (703) 306-1757 www.nsf.gov/sbe/drms/start.htm
Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science, and Technology Program	Funding for research and related educational activities on topics such as ethics, values, and the assessment, communication, management and perception of risk	NSF – Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Science, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science and Technology Program: (703) 306-1743
National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP) in Earth Sciences	Research into basic and applied earth and building sciences.	NSF – Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Earth Sciences: (703) 306-1550
Technical and Planning Assistance		
Planning Assistance to States	Technical and planning assistance for the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.	Department of Defense (DOD) US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Contact the Floodplain Management Staff in the Appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7813 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4441 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-6050 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-5827 Northwestern: (503) 808-3853 Southwestern: (214-767-2613 South Pacific: (415) 977-8164 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-8863
Disaster Mitigation Planning and Technical Assistance	Technical and planning assistance grants for capacity building and mitigation project activities focusing on creating disaster resistant jobs and workplaces.	Department of Commerce (DOC), Economic Development Administration (EDA): (800) 345-1222 EDA's Disaster Recovery Coordinator: (202) 482-6225 www.doc.gov/eda

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Watershed Surveys and Planning	Surveys and planning studies for appraising water and related resources, and formulating alternative plans for conservation use and development. Grants and advisory/counseling services to assist w/ planning and implementation improvement.	US Department of Agriculture (USDA) – National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-4527 Deputy Chief for Programs: (202) 690-0848 www.nrcs.usda.gov
National Flood Insurance Program	Formula grants to States to assist communities to comply with NFIP floodplain management requirements (Community Assistance Program).	FEMA
Emergency Management / Mitigation Training	Training in disaster mitigation, preparedness, planning.	FEMA
National Dam Safety Program	Technical assistance , training, and grants to help improve State dam safety programs.	FEMA
National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	Training, planning and technical assistance under grants to States or local jurisdictions.	FEMA; DOI-USGS USGS Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
Volcano Hazards Program	Technical assistance: Volcano hazard warnings and operation of four volcano observatories to monitor and assess volcano hazard risk.	DOI-USGS Volcanic Hazards Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6708 (650) 329-5228
Floodplain Management Services	Technical and planning assistance at the local, regional, or national level needed to support effective floodplain management.	DOD-USACE North Atlantic: (212) 264-7813 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4441 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-6050 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-5827 Northwestern: (503) 808-3853 Southwestern: (214-767-2613 South Pacific: (415) 977-8164 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-8863
Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program	Technical and financial assistance for installing works of improvement to protect, develop, and utilize land or water resources in small watersheds under 250,000 acres.	USDA-NRCS Director, Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042 (202) 690-4614 www.nrcs.usda.gov
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Technical , educational, and limited financial assistance to encourage environmental enhancement.	USDA-NRCS NRCS County Offices Or NRCS EQUIP Program Manager: (202) 720-1834 www.nrcs.usda.gov

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National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program	Technical and planning assistance for activities associated with earthquake hazards mitigation.	FEMA, DOI-USGS Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
HAZARD Identification and Mapping		
National Flood Insurance Program: Flood Mapping	Flood insurance rate maps and flood plain management maps for all NFIP communities;	FEMA
National Flood Insurance Program: Technical Mapping Advisory Council	Technical guidance and advice to coordinate FEMA's map modernization efforts for the National Flood Insurance Program.	DOI-USGS USGS – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
National Digital Orthophoto Program	Develops topographic quadrangles for use in mapping of flood and other hazards.	DOI-USGS USGS – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
Stream gauging and Flood Monitoring Network	Operation of a network of over 7,000 stream gauging stations that provide data on the flood characteristics of rivers.	DOE-USGS Chief, Office of Surface Water, USGS: (703) 648-5303
Mapping Standards Support	Expertise in mapping and digital data standards to support the National Flood Insurance Program.	DOI-USGS USGS – National Mapping Division: (573) 308-3802
Soil Survey	Maintains soil surveys of counties or other areas to assist with farming, conservation, mitigation or related purposes.	USDA-NRCS NRCS – Deputy Chief for Soil Science and Resource Assessment: (202) 720-4630
National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	Seismic mapping for U.S.	DOI-USGS USGS Earthquake Program Coordinator: (703) 648-6785
Project Support		
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration	Direct support for carrying out aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that will improve the quality of the environment.	DOD-USACE Chief of Planning @ appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7111 South Atlantic: (404) 331-4580 Great Lakes and Ohio River Chicago: (312) 886-5468 Cincinnati: (513) 684-3008 Mississippi Valley Division: (601) 634-7880 Northwestern Division Portland: (503) 808-3850 Omaha: (402) 697-2470 Southwestern Division: (214) 767-2314 South Pacific Division: (415) 977-8171 Pacific Ocean Division: (808) 438-3850

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Beneficial Uses of Dredged Materials	Direct assistance for projects that protect, restore, and create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands, in connection with dredging an authorized Federal navigation project.	DOD-USACE Same as above
Wetlands Protection – Development Grants	Grants to support the development and enhancement of State and tribal wetlands protection programs.	US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA Wetlands Hotline: (800) 832-7828 Or EPA Headquarters, Office of Water Chief, Wetlands Strategies and State Programs: (202) 260-6045
Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants	Grants to States to implement non-point source programs, including support for non-structural watershed resource restoration activities.	EPA Office of Water Chief, Non-Point Source Control Branch: (202) 260-7088, 7100
Coastal Zone Management Program	Grants for planning and implementation of non-structural coastal flood and hurricane hazard mitigation projects and coastal wetlands restoration.	Department of Commerce DOC National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Ocean Service Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Chief, Coastal Programs Division: (301) 713-3102
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) State Administered Program	Grants to States to develop viable communities (e.g., housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities) in non-entitled areas, for low- and moderate-income persons.	US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) State CDBG Program Manager Or State and Small Cities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-3587
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities Program	Grants to entitled cities and urban counties to develop viable communities (e.g., decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities), principally for low- and moderate-income persons.	HUD City and county applicants should call the Community Planning and Development staff of their appropriate HUD field office. As an alternative, they may call the Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-1577, 3587
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	Provides technical and financial assistance for relief from imminent hazards in small watersheds, and to reduce vulnerability of life and property in small watershed areas damaged by severe natural hazard events.	USDA – NRCS National Office – (202) 690-0848 Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042

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Rural Development Assistance -- Utilities	Direct and guaranteed rural economic loans and business enterprise grants to address utility issues and development needs.	USDA-Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Program Support: (202) 720-1382 Northern Regional Division: (202) 720-1402 Electric Staff Division: (202) 720-1900 Power Supply Division: (202) 720-6436
Rural Development Assistance – Housing	Grants, loans, and technical assistance in addressing rehabilitation, health and safety needs in primarily low-income rural areas. Declaration of major disaster necessary.	USDA-Rural Housing Service (RHS) Community Programs: (202) 720-1502 Single Family Housing: (202) 720-3773 Multi Family Housing: (202) 720-5177
Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities	Funding and technical assistance to communities and States to implement a sustained pre-disaster mitigation program.	FEMA
Flood Mitigation Assistance	Grants to States and communities for pre-disaster mitigation to help reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program.	FEMA
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Grants to States and communities for implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration.	FEMA
Public Assistance Program (Infrastructure)	Grants to States and communities to repair damaged infrastructure and public facilities, and help restore government or government-related services. Mitigation funding is available for work related to damaged components of the eligible building or structure.	FEMA
National Flood Insurance Program	Makes available flood insurance to residents of communities that adopt and enforce minimum floodplain management requirements.	FEMA
HOME Investments Partnerships Program	Grants to States, local government and consortia for permanent and transitional housing (including support for property acquisition and rehabilitation) for low-income persons.	HUD Community Planning and Development, Grant Programs, Office of Affordable Housing, HOME Investment Partnership Programs: (202) 708-2685 (202) 708 0614 extension 4594 1-800-998-9999
Disaster Recovery Initiative	Grants to fund gaps in available recovery assistance after disasters (including mitigation).	HUD Community Planning and Development Divisions in their respective HUD field offices or HUD Community Planning and Development: (202) 708-2605

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Non-Structural Alternatives to Structural Rehabilitation of Damaged Flood Control Works	Direct planning and construction grants for non-structural alternatives to the structural rehabilitation of flood control works damaged in floods or coastal storms. \$9 million FY99	DOD-USACE Emergency Management contact in respective USACE field office: North Atlantic: (718) 491-8735 South Atlantic: (404) 331-6795 Great Lakes and Ohio River: (513) 684-3086 Mississippi Valley: (601) 634-7304 Northwestern: (503) 808-3903 Southwestern: (214) 767-2425 South Pacific: (415) 977-8054 Pacific Ocean: (808) 438-1673
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	Financial and technical assistance to private landowners interested in pursuing restoration projects affecting wetlands and riparian habitats.	Department of Interior (DOI) – Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) National Coordinator, Ecological Services: (703) 358-2201 A list of State and Regional contacts is available from the National Coordinator upon request.
Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment	Provides for ecosystem restoration by modifying structures and/or operations or water resources projects constructed by the USACE, or restoring areas where a USACE project contributed to the degradation of an area.	DOD-USACE Chief of Planning @ appropriate USACE Regional Office North Atlantic: (212) 264-7111 South Atlantic: (404) 331-6270 Great Lakes and Ohio River Chicago: (312) 886-5468 Cincinnati: (513) 684-3008 Mississippi Valley Division: (601) 634-5762 Northwestern Division Portland: (503) 808-3850 Omaha: (402) 697-2470 Southwestern Division: (214) 767-2310 South Pacific Division: (415) 977-8171 Pacific Ocean Division: (808) 438-8880
Post-Disaster Economic Recovery Grants and Assistance	Grant funding to assist with the long-term economic recovery of communities, industries, and firms adversely impacted by disasters.	Department of Commerce (DOC) – Economic Development Administration (EDA) EDA Headquarters Disaster Recovery Coordinator: (202) 482-6225
Public Housing Modernization Reserve for Disasters and Emergencies	Funding to public housing agencies for modernization needs resulting from natural disasters (including elevation, flood proofing, and retrofit).	HUD Director, Office of Capital Improvements: (202) 708-1640
Indian Housing Assistance (Housing Improvement Program)	Project grants and technical assistance to substantially eliminate sub-standard Indian housing.	Department of Interior (DOI)-Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Division of Housing Assistance, Office of Tribal Services: (202) 208-5427
Land Protection	Technical assistance for run-off retardation and soil erosion prevention to reduce hazards to life and property.	USDA-NRCS Applicants should contact the National NRCS office: (202) 720-4527

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North American Wetland Conservation Fund	Cost-share grants to stimulate public/private partnerships for the protection, restoration and management of wetland habitats.	DOI-FWS North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office: (703) 358-1784
Land Acquisition	Acquires or purchases easements on high-quality lands and waters for inclusion into the National Wildlife Refuge System.	DOI-FWS Division of Realty, National Coordinator: (703) 358-1713
Federal Land Transfer / Federal Land to Parks Program	Identifies, assesses, and transfers available Federal real property for acquisition for State and local parks and recreation, such as open space.	DOI-NPS General Services Administration Offices Fort Worth, TX: (817) 334-2331 Boston, MA: (617) 835-5700 Or Federal Lands to Parks Leader NPS National Office: (202) 565-1184
Wetlands Reserve Program	Financial and technical assistance to protect and restore wetlands through easements and restoration agreements.	USDA-NRCS National Policy Coordinator NRCS Watersheds and Wetlands Division: (202) 720-3042
Transfers of Inventory Farm Properties to Federal and State Agencies for Conservation Purposes	Transfers title of certain inventory farm properties owned by FSA to Federal and State agencies for conservation purposes (including the restoration of wetlands and floodplain areas to reduce future flood potential)	US Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs National Office: (202) 720-3467, 1632
Financing and Loan Guarantees		
Physical Disaster Loans and Economic Injury Disaster Loans	Disaster loans to non-farm, private sector owners of disaster damaged property for uninsured losses. Loans can be increased by up to 20 percent for mitigation purposes.	Small Business Administration (SBA) National Headquarters Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance: (202) 205-6734
Conservation Contracts	Debt reduction for delinquent and non-delinquent borrowers in exchange for conservation contracts placed on environmentally sensitive real property that secures FSA loans.	USDA-FSA Farm Loan Programs FSA National Office: (202) 720-3467, 1632 or local FSA office
Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Loans at actual or below-market interest rates to help build, repair, relocate, or replace wastewater treatment plants.	EPA EPA Office of Water State Revolving Fund Branch Branch Chief: (202) 260-7359 A list of Regional Offices is available upon request

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Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program	Loan guarantees to public entities for community and economic development (including mitigation measures).	HUD Community Planning and Development staff at appropriate HUD field office, or the Section 108 Office in HUD Headquarters: (202) 708-1871
Section 504 Loans for Housing	Repair loans, grants and technical assistance to very low-income senior homeowners living in rural areas to repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards.	US Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Rural Housing Service (RHS) Contact local RHS Field Office, or RHS Headquarters, Director, Single Family Housing Direct Loan Division: (202) 720-1474
Section 502 Loan and Guaranteed Loan Program	Provides loans, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to very low and low-income applicants to purchase, build, or rehabilitate a home in a rural area.	USDA-RHS Contact the Local RHS Field Office, or the Director, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, RHS: (202) 720-1452
Rural Development Assistance -- Utilities	Direct and guaranteed rural economic loans and business enterprise grants to address utility issues and development needs.	USDA-Rural Utility Service (RUS) Contact Rural Development Field Offices, or RHS, Deputy Administrator, Community Programs Division: (202) 720-1490
Farm Ownership Loans	Direct loans, guaranteed / insured loans, and technical assistance to farmers so that they may develop, construct, improve, or repair farm homes, farms, and service buildings, and to make other necessary improvements.	USDA-FSA Director, Farm Programs Loan Making Division, FSA: (202) 720-1632