
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AWARDED FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 2007, the state building code council was
2 created to review and adopt a comprehensive suite of the latest
3 editions of nationally recognized building codes and standards.
4 Updating building codes in a timely manner is necessary to
5 ensure compliance with requirements of building safety, the
6 national flood insurance program, hurricane and earthquake
7 resiliency standards, energy efficiency, fire safety, and
8 technological advances in building materials and methods.

9 The legislature finds that staff and operational expenses
10 for the state building code council have never been funded,
11 thereby limiting the effectiveness of the work of the eleven
12 voting members on the council. The state building code council
13 applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds made
14 available through the hazard mitigation grant program to fund
15 the adoption of the hurricane and earthquake resiliency



1 standards put forth in the 2012 international building code and
2 Hawaii-specific amendments approved by the council.

3 In November 2016, the department of accounting and general
4 services was notified that the Federal Emergency Management
5 Agency hazard mitigation grant program had awarded a grant to
6 the State for a project entitled "Hawaii state building code
7 administrative rules to implement updated statewide standards
8 for hurricane mitigation". As a reimbursement grant, the
9 department of accounting and general services is required to
10 utilize its operating funds to accomplish the project and after
11 a review, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse
12 the State up to \$75,000. The \$75,000 award amount comprises:

13 (1) \$60,000 for a consultant to provide services to assist
14 the state building code council with the timely
15 performance of all tasks required to complete the
16 Hawaii rule-making process under chapter 91, including
17 publication and advertising costs required for a
18 public hearing; and

19 (2) \$15,000 for management of the consultant contract by
20 the department of accounting and general services.



1 The volunteer members of the state building code council
2 will also provide an additional in-kind soft match of \$25,000
3 for the State. The Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard
4 mitigation grant will enable the state building code council to
5 fulfill its statutory obligation to update the state building
6 code once every six years. The latest update occurred in 2010
7 and was based on the 2006 international building code, which is
8 four versions behind the latest version. Hawaii is among the
9 last few states in the country using an obsolete building code
10 that is no longer considered adequate by the Federal Emergency
11 Management Agency and will not be acceptable for use in any
12 Federal Emergency Management Agency post-disaster aid.

13 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
14 state building code council to update the state building code.
15 The Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard mitigation grant
16 program will then reimburse these funds to the State.

17 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$75,000 or so much
19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the
20 department of accounting and general services to fulfill the
21 requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard



1 mitigation reimbursement grant awarded to the state building
2 code council to enable the council to update the state building
3 code.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 accounting and general services for the purposes of this Act.

6 All reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency grant described in this section for any portion of the
8 sum appropriated under this section shall be deposited into the
9 general fund.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Emergency Mitigation; Federal Emergency Management Agency Reimbursement Grant; Updated Statewide Standards for Hurricane Mitigation; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates \$75,000 to DAGS to update statewide standards for hurricane mitigation. Anticipates full reimbursement by a Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard mitigation grant awarded to DAGS.

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