The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP), Columbia Climate School at Columbia University has been awarded U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants (2016-2024). These programs focus on post-disaster economic and housing recovery, mass care community sheltering and relocation assistance, and pandemic preparedness and response, with a particular emphasis on how communities can more effectively prepare for and bounce back from catastrophic events. The free curricula, available across the U.S. in both instructor-led and web-based modalities, include several collaborative activities, planning tools, tool kits, and geographic information system resources that learners can incorporate into their work practices.


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**PER-385: Improving Business’ Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery**

This instructor-led course will provide the learner with an overview of how disaster can impact a business’s finances and economic recovery. The learner will review case studies of recent disasters where a business’ finances were impacted and analyze the lessons learned from these events. An overview of emergency planning will also be provided. The course will present best practices in pre-disaster financial planning, including identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented. Each learner will complete an individualized SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. The course will address learning objectives relevant to both the business sector as well as emergency management.
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**PER-387: Improving Individual and Households’ Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery**

This instructor-led course will present information on how communities can plan for economic recovery after a disaster. The course will introduce lessons learned from recent disasters and will provide an overview of currently available resources and tools for disaster planning. The workshop will provide training consisting of planning tools and resources for the community to conduct disaster financial planning for pre- and post-disaster financial recovery, opportunities to develop stronger partnerships between community actors, and best practices for utilizing available resources. Each learner will complete an individualized SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. The course will address learning objectives relevant to individuals and households, groups supporting individuals and households during disasters as well as emergency management.

**AWR-390-W: Improving Individual and Households’ Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery**

This web-based course will provide the learner with an overview of how disaster can impact an individual and household’s finances and economic recovery. The learner will review case studies of recent disasters where an individual and household’s finances were impacted and analyze the lessons learned from these events. An overview of emergency planning will also be provided. The course will present best practices in pre-disaster financial planning, including identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.

**AWR-391-W: Improving Business’ Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery**

This web-based course will provide the learner with an overview of the ways disaster can impact a business’s finances and economic recovery. The learner will review case studies of recent disasters where a business’ finances were impacted and analyze the lessons learned from these events. An overview of emergency planning will also be provided. The course will present best practices in pre-disaster financial planning, including identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.
**Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery**
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**AWR-370-W: Addressing Gaps in Disaster Recovery: Conducting Impact Assessments**
This web-based course provides information on conducting a post-disaster housing impact assessment. Key areas covered include how to collect information regarding housing impact and how to complete damage assessments with key partners, an overview of the Disaster Assessment Manual and the disaster declaration process, and a review of the impact of relevant housing policies on the housing recovery.

**AWR-371-W: Pre-Disaster Planning**
This web-based course provides an overview of disaster housing and the impacts that it has on disaster recovery. The course will review case studies of recent disasters where housing was impacted, provide an overview of emergency planning, and discuss best practices in identifying and engaging essential partners in housing recovery planning.

**AWR-372-W: Post-Disaster Planning for Housing Recovery**
This web-based course provides learners with an overview of housing recovery planning in the post-disaster environment. Key topics include important partners in planning, case studies of recent disasters where housing was impacted, and best practices in post-disaster housing recovery planning, as well as addressing statutes and regulations that will impact recovery.

**Transitioning Disaster Survivors from Temporary to Permanent Housing**
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**AWR-386-W: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services**
This web-based course will provide an overview of how communities can establish collaborative case management services. The curriculum will summarize the importance of partnerships in pre-disaster planning which will include each partner’s role in the process, provide checklist-based resources for use in a pre-and post-disaster environment, and provide best practices for enhancing collaborative case management services.

**AWR-387-W: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing**
This web-based course will provide an overview of how communities can execute strategies to rapidly rehabilitate damaged housing. The course will introduce the program objectives and eligible activities of the MLR program and review how the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program can be used to increase resiliency and reduce the housing impact after a disaster and cover federal housing rehabilitation programs.
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MGT-471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing
This instructor-led course will present information on how communities can execute strategies to rapidly rehabilitate damaged housing. The training will provide an overview of disaster housing recovery, key housing programs, and case studies as well as federal, state, local, nonprofit stakeholders. It will also cover eligibility, application requirements, and implementation of the Multi-Family Lease and Repair program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation/Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program. Learners will also come away with an understanding of planning tools and resources for conducting disaster housing planning and damage assessments as well as leveraging mitigation planning and projects to reduce recovery costs. The curriculum will detail how to create and strengthen public-private partnerships, provide templates, checklists, and other proven tools for use in a pre-and post-disaster environment, and best practices for enhancing the rehabilitation of damaged housing.

Innovative Disaster Recovery Strategies for Interim and Permanent Housing Construction
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PER-389-W: Incorporating Best Practices for Short Term and Long-Term Housing Construction
This web-based course provides participants with an overview of a disaster housing recovery by reviewing short-term and long-term disaster housing recovery programs. These programs will include FEMA’s Transitional Sheltering Assistance and Disaster Case Management. The course will also discuss best practices regarding building code and code enforcement, permitting processes, and utility restoration. A review of disaster housing task forces will also be conducted.
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**MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster**

This instructor-led course details the importance of pre-planning for housing recovery to accelerate recovery after a disaster occurs. The course will provide lessons on the basics and best practices of disaster housing strategy and implementation, incorporating considerations for vulnerable populations throughout. The course will provide guidance on implementing FEMA’s Transitional Sheltering Assistance and Disaster Case Management and HUD’s Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program, as well as provide best practices for establishing and sustaining active disaster housing task forces that coordinate the delivery of temporary housing, case management services, and long-term housing recovery assistance from federal, state, local, and non-profit sector partners. The training also discusses the critical role of building codes, permitting, and utilities in resilience both before and after a disaster. The training details the role of insurance, key Disaster Recovery Reform Act reforms, best practices for compliance with grants management and procurement standards, how to handle personally identifiable information.

**MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, And Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs**

This instructor-led training will provide learners with information on how state, territory, and tribal (STT) governments can plan for and implement disaster housing programs. The course will include an overview of disaster housing task forces, key disaster planning documents (state housing strategy, disaster housing administrative plan, disaster housing plan), and how to incorporate planning considerations for vulnerable populations. The training will provide an overview of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act and its impact on disaster assistance and authorities. The training also reviews state and federal housing assistance programs such as CDBG-DR, Disaster Case Management program, the Individuals and Households Program, Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program, Disaster Legal Assistance, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and Voluntary Agency Coordination, Mass Care and Emergency Assistance. This will include requirements for receiving funds, managing and reporting funds, and closeout requirements.
Pandemic Planning and Mass Sheltering
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PER-402-W: Pandemic Planning for Mass Sheltering
This web-based, performance-level course is designed to help the learner plan for mass sheltering operations during multiple disasters and/or during a pandemic. The course will begin with a review of basic mass sheltering principles. The course will then focus on how to accomplish sheltering when there are simultaneous disasters occurring, including a pandemic. Planning considerations will be presented including planning for social distancing and quarantine and isolation issues. The course will conclude with a look at planning considerations for socially vulnerable populations who may need sheltering.

PER-403-W: Addressing the Needs of Disaster Victims through State, Tribal, and Territorial Housing Programs
This web-based course will assist in preparing state, tribal, and territorial leaders to plan for administering disaster housing programs after a disaster. The course will review the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Individuals and Housing Programs that are under the Stafford Act. Information will also be presented on the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018 and the FEMA State-Managed Direct Housing Grant guidance. This information will provide the learner with the base information needed to develop their state, tribal, or territorial housing strategy. Other considerations such as code enforcement, permitting, and the handling of personally identifiable information will also be presented.

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