

Course Catalog

FEMA Training Program

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness, of the Earth Institute, Columbia University has been awarded six U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants totaling \$8.25 million dollars (2016-2023). These programs focus on post-disaster economic and housing recovery, with a particular emphasis on the ways in which 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. Below, please find currently available course offerings as well as upcoming courses.



Economic Recovery



Housing Recovery



Instructor-Led



Web-Based

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Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery

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Housing
Recovery
Web-based

AWR-370-W: Addressing Gaps in Disaster Recovery: Conducting Impact Assessments

This 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 housing recovery.



Housing
Recovery
Web-based

AWR-371-W: Pre-Disaster Planning

This 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.



Housing
Recovery
Web-based

AWR-372-W: Post-Disaster Planning for Housing Recovery

This 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 address statutes and regulations that will affect recovery.



Housing
Recovery
Instructor-
led

MGT-464: Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery

This workshop presents information on how communities can plan for housing recovery after a disaster, an overview of currently available resources and tools for disaster planning, and community tools and resources to conduct disaster housing planning and damage assessments. The curriculum will include opportunities to develop stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors, provide checklist-based resources for use in a pre- and post-disaster environment, and best practices for enhancing community mitigation and disaster resilience.

Transitioning Disaster Survivors from Temporary to Permanent Housing*

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Housing
Recovery
Web-based

AWR-386-W: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services

This training 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.



Housing
Recovery
Web-based

AWR-387-W: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing

This training 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 STEP and MLR programs, 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.



Housing
Recovery
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MGT-470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services

This course will bring together elements of the web-based Awareness-Level courses titled Case Management and Rapid Rehabilitation into a one-day planning workshop for communities. Using case studies and existing tools and resources, the workshop will provide training for the community to identify the common barriers to disaster case management and establish a basic understanding of how to effectively implement a case management program. The curriculum will include opportunities to develop stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors, provide checklist-based resources for use in a pre- and post-disaster environment, and best practices for enhancing collaborative case management services.

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MGT-471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing

This training will present information on how communities can execute strategies to rapidly rehabilitate damaged housing. This course will bring together elements of the web-based Awareness Level courses titled Case Management and Rapid Rehabilitation into a one-day planning workshop to provide training consisting of planning tools and resources for the community to conduct disaster housing planning and damage assessments as well as leverage mitigation planning and projects to reduce recovery costs. The curriculum will include opportunities to develop stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors, provide checklist-based resources for use in a pre- and post-disaster environment, and best practices for enhancing rehabilitation of damaged housing.

Enhancing Financial Literacy of Individuals and Businesses for Post-Disaster Recovery*

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Economic
Recovery
Web-based

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

This course will provide the learner with an overview of the ways disaster can impact a business' 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 to include identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.



Economic
Recovery
Web-based

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

This course will provide the learner with an overview of the ways disaster can impact a business' 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 to include identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.



Economic
Recovery
Instructor-
led

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

This course will provide the learner with an overview of the ways disaster can impact a business' 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 to include identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.

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PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

This training 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

Innovative Disaster Recovery Strategies for Interim and Permanent Housing Construction*

*Trainings will begin in the future.



Housing
Recovery
Web-based

PER-389-W: Incorporating Best Practices for Short Term and Long-Term Housing Construction

This course will provide participants with an overview of disaster housing recovery, by reviewing short-term and long-term disaster housing recovery programs. These programs will include FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance Program and the Disaster Case Management Services program. 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.



Housing
Recovery
Instructor-
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MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster

This course will provide learners with information on the importance of pre-planning for housing recovery to accelerate recovery after a disaster occurs. The course will provide lessons on the basics of disaster housing planning and best practices of housing planning, as well as the development of a housing strategy and implementation plan that meets the requirements of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) and FEMA's State-Managed Direct Housing Grant Guidance. The course will also provide guidance on implementing FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance, Disaster Case Management programs, 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 transitional sheltering emergency repairs, temporary housing, case management services, and long-term housing recovery assistance from federal, state, local, and non-profit sector partners.



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Additional NCDP Training

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Community Planning for Economic Recovery

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Recovery
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NCDP-357-W: Principles of Community Economic Recovery

This course provides a customized overview regarding the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of sustainable financial processes following large-scale disasters. This course will also provide information on available local, regional and national financial resources and focus on specific tasks the learner can carry out to foster economic resiliency.



Economic
Recovery
Web-based

NCDP-376-W: Preparedness Actions to Promote Economic Resilience and Recovery

This course prepares organizations in communicating and defining action steps that they can take to ensure their economic resilience to disasters. Topics and tools covered include those for Business Continuity Planning (BCP), small businesses, insurance categories, and coverage options, hazard assessment, evaluation, mitigation and ways to promote employee and family preparedness through community planning.