

# Course Catalog

## FEMA Training Program

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. Below, please find currently available courses.



Economic Recovery



Instructor-Led



Web-Based

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## Community Planning for Economic Recovery

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Economic  
Recovery  
Web-  
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### [PER-376-W: Preparedness Actions to Promote Economic Resilience and Recovery](#)

This web-based 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.

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

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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 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 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.



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Recovery  
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#### [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 the ways 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 to include identifying and engaging essential partners. Finally, an overview of available resources, toolkits, and checklists will be presented.



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#### [AWR-391-W: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

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### 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 housing recovery.



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#### [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.



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#### [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.



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#### [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. 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.



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### 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 provides 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 and best practices of disaster housing strategy and implementation. The course will also 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.



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#### [MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, And Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs \(Pilot\)](#)

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. A review of state and federal housing assistance programs will also be addressed. This will include requirements for receiving funds, managing, and reporting funds, and closeout requirements.



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