



MEMA Statewide Residential Safe Room Grant Program

Available in All 82 Mississippi Counties



The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), with funding from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, offers reimbursement grants to help Mississippi homeowners install a FEMA-compliant safe room or storm shelter on their property. Funding is limited. All eligible applicants will have an equal chance of being selected through a statewide lottery once the application period ends.

Who Can Apply?

- Mississippi **homeowners** in any of the 82 counties.
- **Primary residence** only (single-family homes).
- Mobile/manufactured must also **own the land** on which their home is located.
- Renters, duplexes, apartments, and community safe rooms are **not eligible**.

How to Apply (Application open October 31, 2025, through November 30, 2025)

Visit the Residential Safe Room Grant Program webpage for full program details and the application link:

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After the application period closes (closes November 30th), there will be a **lottery drawing**. Applicants selected in the lottery will be notified by email (no-reply@my.msema.org) with instructions to continue their application in **Step 2** of the process. Applicants who are not selected will **NOT** receive an email.

Grant Details

- **Approval Required:** Homeowners must receive an **official approval letter** before installing a safe room.
- **Reimbursement Program:** Homeowners must pay upfront, then receive reimbursement.
- Covers **75% of eligible costs**, up to **\$3,500** max.
- Reimbursement **after installation**, inspection, and required documentation submitted.

Safe Room & Vendor Requirements

- **Type:** New safe rooms only—in-ground, above-ground, or partially above-ground.
 - **Blueprints:**
 - Must reference **FEMA P-320 (2024)** and **ICC-500 (2023)** guidelines.
 - Must list design **wind speed (250 mph)** and **maximum occupancy**.
 - Must show **Gross Area** and **Usable Area** (or be provided in a signed letter on company letterhead).
 - Must be sealed by a **Mississippi-licensed Professional Engineer**.
 - **Installation:**
 - Must be completed by a **licensed Mississippi contractor** (self-installation not allowed).
 - **Location:** Must be within **150 feet** of an exterior door of your home.
 - **Occupancy Limit:** Cannot exceed **16-person capacity**.
 - **Compliance:** Must meet all local **building codes** and **permitting** requirements.
- *MEMA Disclaimer:** MEMA does not endorse, certify, approve, or recommend safe room manufacturers, contractors, companies, products, or individuals.

Contact for Assistance

📞 1-833-592-6362 (MEMA)

🌐 www.msema.org



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Program Webpage QR Code