

Sunflower-safe Residential Safe Room Program



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Mitigation

- Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects.

*Source: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program online link:
<http://www.fema.gov/library>*



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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Prevent or reduce future loss of lives and property through cost-effective mitigation measures
- Minimize the costs of future disaster response and recovery
- Requires a match from entity (25%)
- After a Presidential Declaration
- **Requires an approved mitigation plan to utilize the funds.**
 - **The State applied for the program and therefore the state action for a residential safe room program covers the resident. However, the jurisdiction has to have approved their regional mitigation plan in which the resident resides.**



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What is the Residential Safe Room Program?

- The Kansas Sunflower-safe Residential Safe Room Program is contingent on approval of funds from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Program. THE STATE OF KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT must comply with all federal grant regulations for each safe room rebate recipient, to include eligibility of properties, documentation, etc.
- This is an 'on-going' program – as funding becomes available we will select names through the lottery type system.



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What is the Residential Safe Room Program?

- The program is a computer generated lottery that eligible applicants will be entered into. After names are drawn, alternates will also be drawn.
- The applicant, once notified of selection, will have 30 days to notify our office that they want to proceed, or not. If they don't then an alternate (in order of drawing) will be notified.



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What is the Residential Safe Room Program?

- Rebate Program – \$3500.00 or 75%, whichever is less.
 - Safe Room costs \$5,000, 75% = \$3,750
 - \$3,500 rebate is less than the 75%, so resident will get \$3,500
 - Safe Room costs \$3,000, 75% = \$2,250
 - 75% of \$2,250 is less than \$3,500, so resident would get \$2,250.
- Resident has to pay for the safe room up front in order to get the rebate. They will have to turn in invoices, copies of payment, etc. There will be NO advance payment!



Residential Safe Room Program

- The safe room vendor/manufacturer has to be a member of the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA), or the American Tornado Shelter Association (ATSA) which adhere to FEMA guidance:



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Residential Safe Room Program

- Recent versions of FEMA Publications 320 (Taking Shelter from the Storm), FEMA 361 (Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes: Guidance for Community and Residential Safe Rooms), as well as ICC 500 (Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters).
- **The State of Kansas will NOT recommend Vendors, manufacturers, or associations. This is up to the resident.**



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Residential Safe Room Program FAQs

- The safe room must be installed at a primary residence.
- Residence must be a single family home.
- No previously installed safe rooms are eligible. If ground has already been broken then it is not eligible for the rebate.
- Residents in mobile homes are eligible if they own their mobile home and the land it is located on.
- Only one person per household may register per physical home address.
- The safe room must be installed in the State of Kansas.
- This rebate is not to fix old shelters.
- Safe room can be installed in a new or existing home, either in an interior room on the first floor, underground on the first floor, or as a detached above-ground or underground safe room and within 150 feet of the home.



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- The safe room rebate is exempt from tax liability as a federally funded assistance program.
- Kansas does not have legislation for tax exemptions on a residential safe room. It may affect the home owners personal property tax bill.
- There are no State or Federal tax incentives associated with this safe room rebate program at this time.



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- Website: <https://kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=4651>
- Email: Sunflowersafe.kdem@gmail.com
- Fax: 785-646-2001
- Mail to: KDEM/Mitigation/Sunflower Safe Program, 2800 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66611
- A couple of the documents on the website need revising to replace names, and change out the Greater Seal of Kansas. So please give me a day to get that changed and uploaded.



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What Can You Do?

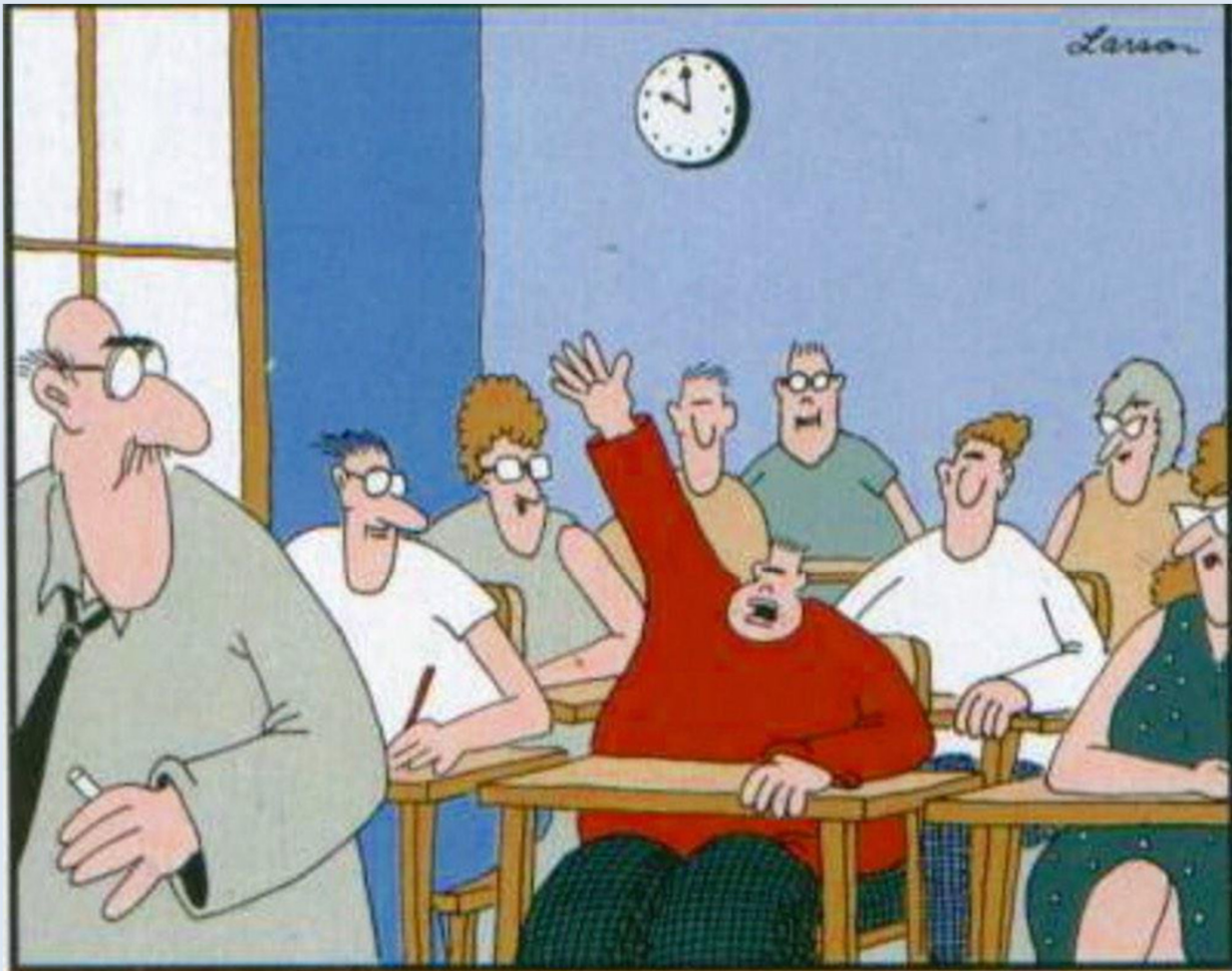
- The Adjutant General's PA office will push out social media advertising for the Program.
- We are asking all County Emergency Managers to help us get the word out! Whether it's radio, newspapers, utility bills, flyers, etc., we need your help!
- Program will open May 20th. We will draw names on June 20th.
- Mitigation Plans



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"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused?
My brain is full."



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Questions



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