



Flood Mitigation Grant Program FAQs

Please refer to the following frequently asked questions to learn more about the City's Flood Mitigation Grant Program. For more information visit: alexandriava.gov/121974.

I spent money floodproofing my property. What is the maximum amount of funding I could receive, if eligible?

The Program provides 50% of the total costs of the floodproofing measure(s) and associated costs, up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 for private property owners, both commercial and residential. Starting in October 2023, condominium and homeowner associations are eligible to receive 50% of the total costs up to \$25,000 for eligible flood mitigation practices on common areas.

I've determined I'm eligible to apply based off the criteria. How do I get started with the application process?

The first step is to register for an account in [APEX](#). View [this document](#) to learn more about registering for an APEX account. Once you have registered, click on "Apply" then search for "Flood Mitigation Grant".

I applied for the program. How long will it take for my application to be processed?

The application process may take up to 2-3 months from the time you submit the application online to the time a check is sent. It could potentially take longer if additional items are needed. Applications will be processed in the order they are received on an ongoing basis.

My home or business isn't located within a floodplain, but it has still experienced flooding from a storm event in the past. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. As of October 2023, the program is open to all property owners.

The program was launched in August 2021, but I installed flood mitigation measures prior to that. Am I still eligible for the program?

Practices installed after July 8, 2019 are eligible. Check out [the eligibility criteria](#) for more information.

I own multiple properties across the City. Can I submit applications for each address?

Eligibility is being determined on a "property" basis. Therefore, an applicant can submit applications for multiple properties. Each application would be separated by address.

My property has experienced flooding in the past, but I haven't purchased any items on the Approved List of Practices yet. Can I purchase items now and apply?

Goods and services must already be purchased and installed *prior* to submitting an application.

I want to participate in the program; however, I don't want to outlay significant funds without an assurance that I get reimbursed. Can the City advance funds to facilitate my purchases?

Since this is a reimbursement grant program, applicants must make actual purchases prior to being eligible for reimbursement. The City will not reimburse applicants for quotes or proposals.

I've already paid someone to complete flood mitigation on my property. Can I apply for the grant program?

Please review the program eligibility questions and [Approved List of Practices](#) to determine if you are eligible for funding through this program.

My property flooded and I spent money on flood mitigation; however, I do not have proof of my expenses. Can I still be reimbursed?

Because the program uses City funds, care must be taken to ensure public money is appropriately allocated. Therefore, it is critical that you submit proof of expenses (such as receipts/ proof of purchase) as a requirement of the program.

After my property previously flooded, I completed flood mitigation that I believe will protect my property. However, the measure(s) I completed are not included on the "Approved List of Practices" list.

Am I eligible for reimbursement?

Please email floodgrant@alexandriava.gov if you don't see the practice you completed. The City will consider other types of practices on a case-by-case basis.

If I have work done next month, can I still apply for the program?

Once the work is complete and you have reviewed the eligibility questions for the program, you may then apply for the program.

I spent money on flood mitigation but didn't reach the \$5,000 threshold and plan on doing more work later on. Will I be able to re-apply and get more funding up to \$5,000?

The City encourages property owners to apply for projects already installed. If you choose to apply now, not using the full \$5,000/property and then choose to apply again, at this point, the City cannot assure you that money will still be available, as we are taking project reimbursement requests as they come in.

Are you limiting the program to a certain number of properties? How will funding be allocated?

The fiscal year 2024 budget includes \$789,000 for the grant program. The maximum award amount is \$5,000 for single properties and \$25,000 for association common areas. Applications will be reviewed for funding on a first come, first serve basis. The City will be continuously evaluating both the available funding and eligibility requirements to make adjustments as needed. The program budget is determined during the budget process.

Are the required APEX permit fees considered eligible costs?

All costs associated with the practice are eligible.

If I have any questions about my application or the program in general, who do I contact?

Please send your questions via email to floodgrant@alexandriava.gov.

Is there a resource for selecting a contractor?

Yes. The City maintains a webpage applicants can visit for information: alexandriava.gov/54484.