

# INDIVIDUAL SAFE ROOM PROGRAM



## WHAT IS THE INDIVIDUAL SAFE ROOM PROGRAM?

A mitigation reimbursement program with funding from DR-4429 (Tornado/ Backwater Flooding) is available for individuals in specified disaster-declared counties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

**MSEMA.ORG**

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE

### RESIDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

- Clay
- Humphreys
- Issaquena
- Lowndes
- Monroe
- Sharkey
- Warren
- Yazoo

## IMPORTANT DATES

Application opens:

**August 1, 2022**

Deadline to apply:

**October 31, 2022**

## HOW TO APPLY

Start by logging on to:

**my.msema.org**

Look for Safe Room Application at the top and follow these steps

- Select Grant: 4429
- Complete Application
- Wait for Response from MEMA
- If Approved Applicant MUST Attend Webinar

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## LIVE IN A FLOODPLAIN AREA? THINGS TO KNOW

If your home is in a floodplain, you may be eligible to install a safe room/ storm shelter above ground. FEMA approval must be granted before installation. A below-ground safe room/storm shelter is not allowed in the floodplain.

## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Proof of Home and Land Ownership
- Signed Certificate of Installation
- Contractor Invoice
- Proof of Payment
- Coordinates for the location of the safe room
- Local Building Permit
- Zoning Permit (If Required)
- Before and after photos of the safe room construction site
- W-9

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Mobile Homeowners must own home and land to be eligible
- Renters **are not** eligible for the reimbursement program
- Retrofitting or repairing existing safe rooms is not an eligible activity of the program.
- Safe Rooms **cannot** be installed without receiving MEMA approval.

## REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Applicants must install/construct a safe room while the pilot program is open. Homeowners that apply and are selected are eligible for reimbursement of 75% of the costs to install/construct a safe room up to a maximum of \$3,500. Documentation to prove project completion is necessary before payment is disbursed.