



# Staff Report

**CITY OF UPLAND**  
"The City of Gracious Living"

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SUBJECT: LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the updated City of Upland Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

## **GOAL STATEMENT**

The proposed action supports the City's goal of protecting public safety, infrastructure, and community resilience by proactively identifying hazards and implementing strategies that reduce long-term risks associated with natural and human-caused disasters.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 31, 2022, the City applied for \$112,500 in federal funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to support the City's efforts to update its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. On November 21, 2023, the City was awarded \$85,427.91 through the Fiscal Year 2023-24 grant cycle (Account No. 2171201-5258-42031). The City is required to provide \$8,997.67 towards the plan to cover the total project cost of \$94,425.58.

The City of Upland is updating the LHMP to ensure that the natural and human-caused hazards the City faces are adequately understood and analyzed. In 2025 the City initiated the preparation of the LHMP. The purpose of an LHMP is to provide a better understanding of the issues and concerns associated with hazards, allow for the development of goals and strategies to address these hazards, and create opportunities to better integrate the plan into other planning documents (General Plan Safety Element and Emergency Operations Plan) as well as City functions.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), governs the LHMP and requires frequent updates (every 5 years) to ensure that communities focus on the reduction of loss of life and property, human suffering, and economic disruption, and provides disaster assistance for costs resulting from natural disasters. An updated plan ensures the City is eligible for federal grant opportunities under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) programs.

One of the many requirements to receive State and Federal approval includes incorporating community feedback, as well as developing a robust planning team of key community stakeholders. Release of this draft plan for public review is a key step in the outreach and engagement effort, allowing for input on the plan and process. Upon completion of the public review period, the City will begin the LHMP review and approval process with the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA. Once approved by both agencies, this plan will be submitted to the City Council for final adoption in compliance with DMA 2000 requirements.

## **ISSUES AND ANALYSIS**

The updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan establishes a framework for reducing disaster risks through proactive policies, programs, and projects designed to protect lives and property. Adoption of the plan does not obligate the City to undertake specific projects or expenditures; rather, it provides guidance for future decision-making and positions the City to pursue funding opportunities as they become available. Maintaining an approved plan strengthens the City's ability to prepare for emergencies, coordinate response efforts, and reduce long-term recovery costs following disaster events. The plan also enhances the City's eligibility for federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs administered by FEMA.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

Adoption of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because it represents a planning and administrative action that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACTS**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Provide alternative direction to staff.

**CEQA:** Not a Project