

# Utah Mitigation Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)



Non-financial Direct Technical Assistance can provide holistic hazard mitigation planning and project support at the earliest stages to Utah communities, and tribes requesting assistance. This helps communities to reduce disaster damage, build community resilience, and obtain and sustain successful mitigation.

DTA is for communities with a desire to increase their capacity and capability to conduct mitigation activities, increase resilience to natural hazards, need help identifying projects that will reduce risk, or need support developing or submitting a BRIC/HMGP application. This is a service for communities that do not have the resources to do the work for themselves.

Examples of DTA projects: (But are not limited to):

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Development/Update
- Mitigation of a Specific Hazard(s) or In-Depth Risk Assessment of a Specific Hazard(s)
- Project Identification, Conceptualization, and Scoping
- Budget Development and Potential Funding Sources Identification
- Community Outreach and Partnership Development
- Benefit Cost Analysis
- Grant Writing and Management Workshops
- Other [climate adaptation planning, equity analysis, building code work, etc.]
- BRIC/HMGP sub application development
- Other mitigation activities pertinent to Pre-disaster mitigation
- Other mitigation activities pertinent to Post-disaster mitigation

# Who Is Eligible

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Eligible communities are cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments. A hazard mitigation plan is not a pre-requisite for application.

- Requests addressed a range of topics, including:
- Local hazard mitigation plan development initial support
- Identifying solutions for specific hazards
- Assistance with hazard mitigation project planning
- Requesting for HMA grant application development support
- Demonstrating cost-effectiveness of a BRIC/HMGP subapplication submission
- Understanding hazard mitigation grant management

## How to Request

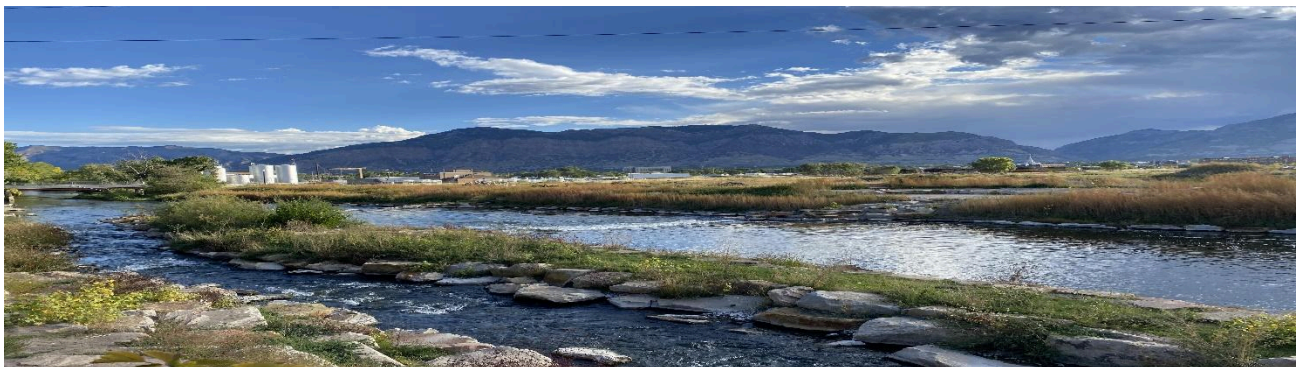
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Utah is opening its second run of DTA. We will leave this NOI open with no closure date at this time. Our team wants to be ready as more funds become available.

*\*(First run applicants of DTA: If you applied in the first run of DTA you do not need to re-apply. We are still processing those applications. If you have not signed up for your appointment slot from the email we sent to all first run DTA NOI applicants please do so ASAP.)*

Fill out this notice of Interest form. Answering the questions and describing your need for DTA. Describing your mitigation action.

[Notice of Interest link](#)



# How Assistance is Prioritized

## Equity Requirement

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Utah Division of Emergency Management will review each request and will prioritize assistance for communities that meet one or more of the definitions below:

- Noted in [Executive Order \(EO\) 14008](#), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, including tribal nation governments
- Have demonstrated the community, or areas within the community, have a [Center for Disease Control's \(CDC\)/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) score greater than or equal to 0.6
- Qualify as an economically disadvantaged rural community. (This definition is in [Title 42 United States Code § 5133\(a\)](#) as a small impoverished community.) It includes a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals, where residents have an average per capita annual income that does not exceed 80% of the national per capita income. It is based on best available data.
- Have shown a compelling need. This includes communities with: disadvantaged populations as referenced in EO 14008; multiple major disaster declarations within the past five years; limited funds; strong community engagement but that need technical expertise.
- Have not received a grant award, including Advance Assistance or Capability- and Capacity-Building subaward under [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#) (PDM) and/or [BRIC](#), [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#), or [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#) awards within the past five years.
- Rural Utah Communities that have capacity and capability concerns. (In general, rural areas are sparsely populated, have low housing density, and are far from urban centers.)
- A community with capability and capacity concerns. (Capacity and capability issues that keep you from doing these actions on your own.)
- Questions contact Kathy Holder, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at [kcholder@utah.gov](mailto:kcholder@utah.gov)