



## Up to \$25,000 Grants for Berkeley Seismic Retrofits

The City of Berkeley has received a grant from FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services to provide seismic retrofit grants to the owners of Soft Story buildings with five or more units and Unreinforced Masonry buildings. Owners will be eligible for reimbursements of up to \$5,000 for design costs plus 30% of construction costs up to a total of \$25,000. The City of Berkeley **Retrofit Grants** program is designed to help owners of seismically vulnerable buildings increase safety and mitigate the risk of damage caused by earthquakes.

### Eligibility & Program Rules

**Retrofit Grants are available for the following types of buildings:**

- **Soft Story** with 5 or more residential units, subject to mandatory retrofit
- **Soft Story** with 5 or more residential units or commercial spaces, or hotels/motels with 5 or more rooms, not subject to mandatory retrofit
- **Unreinforced Masonry** buildings subject to mandatory retrofit

**Owners of qualifying buildings must wait for FEMA approval of their retrofit project before beginning construction to be eligible for grant funding. The City expects to notify building owners they may proceed with construction by November 1, 2017.**

A second round of funding for retrofits of **Tilt-Up** and **Non-Ductile Concrete** buildings will be available at a later date.

**Grants are NOT available for Single Family Homes or Duplexes.**



## Grant Reimbursements

Grants will be paid as reimbursements for design fees and construction costs for seismic retrofits. All work related to a seismic retrofit must be performed by a licensed contractor to qualify for grant funding. The maximum grant size is \$25,000 per building.

### How to Apply:

#### 1. Check Eligibility Requirements

**2. Apply for a Building Permit if you haven't done so already** (*Engineering drawings submitted with a permit application will be forwarded to FEMA for review and program approval.*)

**3. Submit Grant Application:**  
Applications are due by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

For eligibility, reimbursement guidelines, & to fill out a grant application online, visit:  
[www.cityofberkeley.info/retrofitgrants](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/retrofitgrants)

### Design Grants up to \$5,000

1. Obtain a Building Permit
2. Submit a Reimbursement Request with copies of invoices and cancelled checks

### Construction Grants

#### 30% of retrofit costs up to \$25,000

1. Wait for notification of FEMA approval before beginning construction
2. Visit [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) to confirm your contractor's license is current
3. Complete retrofit construction within six months of FEMA approval
4. Obtain an approved Final Inspection
5. Submit a Reimbursement Request with copies of invoices and cancelled checks

### Example project calculation:

Retrofit Cost	Construction Grant	Design Grant	Total Reimbursement
\$40,000	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$17,000
\$100,000	\$20,000 or \$25,000	\$5,000 or \$0	\$25,000

### Questions?

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