

List of Eligible Activities for Elevation Cost Estimate

This list will guide the homeowner and or grant administrator of the itemized cost estimate from the contractor to determine which expenses are eligible for reimbursement and which should not be included in the cost estimate for FEMA.

Listed below are costs associated with a complete elevation project. Use this list as a guide when requesting or reviewing an itemized elevation quote from a contractor to ensure that you receive a comprehensive and complete estimate that includes all necessary elevation activities to avoid unanticipated costs.

Eligible Structure Elevation Costs

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Allowable costs are costs that are necessary and reasonable for the proper and efficient performance and administration of the Federal award. The following costs associated with structure elevation projects are generally allowable:

- ◆ Engineering services for design, structural feasibility analysis, and cost estimate preparation
- ◆ Surveying, soil sampling, completion of Elevation Certificate, title search, deed recordation fees, legal and/or permitting fees, project administration, and construction management
- ◆ Disconnection of all utilities
- ◆ Building of a foundation so that the lowest floor is at the BFE or higher if required by local ordinance or FEMA
- ◆ Physical elevation of the structure and subsequent lowering and attachment of the structure onto a new foundation
- ◆ Construction of a floor system that meets minimum building code requirements when the existing floor system cannot be elevated or is not appropriate for the new foundation

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- ◆ Reconnecting utilities and extending lines and pipes as necessary and elevating all utilities and service equipment
- ◆ Debris disposal and erosion control
- ◆ Costs for repair of lawns, landscaping, sidewalks, and driveways if damaged by elevation activities
- ◆ Construction of a utility room above the BFE only if there is no existing space within the house for this purpose or there is no alternative cost-effective way to elevate the utilities
- ◆ Elevation of existing decks, porches, or stairs
- ◆ Construction of new stairs, landings, and railings to access the elevated living space per minimum code or local ordinance
- ◆ Construction of ADA-compliant access facilities or ramps when an owner or a member of the owner's family has a permanent disability and a physician's written certification. An ADA-compliant access to ingress/egress is allowable for funding unless specified otherwise in applicable State or local codes (for more information on ADA, see <http://www.ada.gov>). If ramps are not technically feasible, a mechanical chair lift may be installed.
- ◆ Documented reasonable living expenses (except food and personal transportation) that are incurred while the owner is displaced by the elevation construction
- ◆ Abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint
- ◆ Filling basements with compacted clean fill