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## Kentucky Emergency Management Announces Mitigation Award for Safe Room

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec 1, 2011) - The Commonwealth of Kentucky has received notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of approval and awarding of a mitigation grant in the amount of \$1,207,939 to the City of Muldraugh, Ky. for the new construction of a stand-alone, single-use, tornado safe room.

FEMA will provide 75 percent or \$905,954 of the funding, and the Commonwealth will provide 12 percent or \$114,952. The City of Muldraugh will provide 13 percent or \$157,032.

After an applicant review, these funds were awarded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under Federal Disaster 1802, which was declared as a result of October 2008 severe winds.

This grant will be administered through the Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) Mitigation Section. Hazard mitigation is any action taken to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and manmade hazards.

While preparedness and response focus primarily on reacting to a disaster itself, mitigation is a continuous activity intended to make families and communities more disaster-resistant.

An award briefing is scheduled to be held with the applicant Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 at 11 a.m. EST at Muldraugh City Hall.

The State Hazard Mitigation Program is managed and administered by KYEM.

For additional information on the State Hazard Mitigation Program, visit the website [www.kyem.ky.gov/assistance/hazardmitigation](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/assistance/hazardmitigation).