

Hazard Abatement (HA) Program Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ)

How long will it take for me to know if my project meets the program criteria?

One of the Hazard Abatement Project Managers (HAPM) will be able to help you determine if your project meets the basis program criteria required. In most cases the HAPM will be able to give you feedback within a few hours of reviewing your project information. You are encouraged to call your area HAPM with questions about possible HA projects in the early stages of development.

What factors are used to determine which projects get funding in the HA program?

The HA projects are prioritized using the Risk Assessment Code (RAC); number of persons potentially exposed to the hazard and proposed cost. Additional factors, from the Echelon II Claimant POC's, are also taken into consideration when selecting projects for funding.

If my project does not get funded this year will it get funded next year or after that?

Projects not selected will continue to compete for funding in the following years. However, if a project is not strong enough to make the cut after three or more years, it is not very likely to be selected later without additional justification or other information increasing the priority of the project.

What are the definitions of the HA Status Codes?

Code	Description
Held for Study and Evaluation	Project does not meet current program criteria or priorities, but is being held for study and possible future consideration.
Undetermined	New project submitted to the database which has not been reviewed by a HAPM
Preliminary Planning	Project has been reviewed by a HAPM and will be considered for future funding
Funding Approved	Funding approved for current/future fiscal year execution
Design in Progress	Undergoing design process for later completion
Work In Progress	Project/product delivery that has been initiated and is ongoing.
Completed	Project/product delivered to customer. Final project/product has been inspected or tested and accepted by customer.
Canceled	Project was completed by activity, requirement no longer exist, activity/region cancelled project. HAPM can cancel if duplicate project is in HA database.
Denied	Project was reviewed by the HAPM and was rejected for not meeting program criteria.

Are traffic safety studies funded by the HA program?

Not normally, traffic safety is not a violation covered under OSHA and therefore falls outside the bounds of the normal HA project selected for funding. The HA database has instituted a category called “Held for Study and Evaluation” which means that the project does not meet current program criteria or priorities, but is being held for study and possible future consideration.

If a project is not accepted into the HA program what happens to the requirement?

The activity or command has primary responsibility for hazard correction. Projects not meeting the criteria for acceptance into the HA program still need to be addressed by the command, which should pursue other means for correction.

How do I know if a project has been funded?

Please contact the Hazard Abatement Project Manager for your area to find out current status.

How do I find the status of a funded HA project?

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Will the command need to have an engineering estimate completed as a part of submitting a project to the HA program?

During review of the submitted project, the HAPM may determine that an engineering estimate is needed and will convey that need to the command HAPC. The requirement may be invoked for a number of reasons some of which include, projects nearing the upper financial limit of \$1M, complexity of project, number of different disciplines needed to correct the hazard, best method of correction is not apparent or certifications need to be considered during hazard correction.

If our command has similar projects which individually do not meet the minimum project funding requirements, do we have any options regarding submission to the HA program?

Like projects, with a command or region, can be combined to meet the minimum funding requirements for submission to the HA program for consideration. The combined projects will need to meet other program requirements and will compete for funding priorities established by hazard severity, exposure and cost.