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The financing of hazard mitigation continues to be one of the more difficult impediments to creating a seismically safe environment for Californians. Both State and local governments have undertaken mitigation utilizing a variety of funding mechanisms.

This *Handbook* grew out of a research project initiated by the California Seismic Safety Commission. That project explored the feasibility of utilizing Special Assessment district and other bond funding mechanisms available to most municipalities to finance retrofit of privately owned seismically hazardous structures. Making these financing tools available to private building owners will help local governments reduce or eliminate the hazard of potential collapse posed by these buildings.

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