

# FEMA Awards \$2,822,855 Grant to Salem Township for Safe Room

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**CHICAGO** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$2,822,855 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to Salem Township for the construction of a safe room in the Sandy Pines campground in Allegan County, Mich.

“The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property,” said James K. Joseph, regional administrator, FEMA Region V. “This project will give the community a safe room that can be used to protect residents and visitors in the Sandy Pines campground during times of severe weather.”

“Mitigation funding enables our communities to initiate projects that can potentially save lives and protect public property and health,” said Capt. Emmitt McGowan, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. “This is a great example of a community seizing the opportunity for hazard mitigation grants to enhance the safety of Michigan’s residents.”

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through PDM, FEMA will pay \$2,822,855 of the \$3,784,088 eligible project cost. The remaining funds, \$961,233, will be provided by Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails.



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