AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end of title V the following:

SEC. ____. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered project” means—

(A) an acquisition or relocation project for which an entity began implementation before a grant was awarded under a hazard mitigation assistance program; and

(B) a project for which an entity initiated planning or construction before or after requesting assistance for the project under a hazard mitigation grant program qualifying for a categorical exemption under the National Environmental Policy Act.
(3) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The term “hazard mitigation assistance program” means—

(A) the predisaster hazard mitigation grant program authorized under section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

(B) the hazard mitigation grant program authorized under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c); and

(C) the flood mitigation assistance program authorized under section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104c).

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED PROJECTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an entity seeking hazard mitigation assistance under a hazard mitigation assistance program shall be eligible to receive such assistance for a covered project if the entity—

(A) complies with all other eligibility requirements of the hazard mitigation assistance program for acquisition or relocation projects,
including extinguishing all incompatible encum-
brances; and

(B) complies with all Federal requirements
for the project.

(2) Costs Incurred.—An entity seeking haz-
ard mitigation assistance under a hazard mitigation
assistance program shall be responsible for any
project costs incurred by the entity for a covered
project if the covered project is not awarded, or is
determined to be ineligible for, assistance.

(c) Applicability.—This section shall apply to any
application for hazard mitigation assistance for a covered
project submitted on or after January 1, 2016.

(d) Emergency Designation.—The amounts pro-
vided by this section are designated by the Congress as
being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency