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EARTHQUAKE BRACE + BOLT GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE TO MORE ELIGIBLE CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNERS

Seismic-retrofit program offers grants of up to \$3K to help improve safety of older homes in more than 1,100 ZIP Codes.

Sacramento, CA – February 12, 2025 – The 2025 Earthquake Brace + Bolt grant application window is open, according to an announcement today by the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP). The California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP) announces the opening of their Earthquake Brace + Bolt grant application window for 2025. California homeowners are now eligible to apply for Earthquake Brace + Bolt ([EBB](#)) seismic retrofit grants, to help make their home less vulnerable to earthquake damage. This year, 303 new ZIP Codes have been added, making the total number of eligible ZIP Codes 1,118. Opening January 15, 2025, and continuing through, March 26, 2025, eligible homeowners can apply for up to \$3,000 in seismic retrofit grants at EarthquakeBraceBolt.com.

More than \$20 million in grant funding will be available to help offset the cost of seismic retrofits that bolt older houses to their foundations and brace the crawl space walls, when present, making them less vulnerable to earthquake damage. Since the 2013 EBB program launch, more than 28,500 California homeowners have received grant assistance for strengthening their homes against earthquake damage. The EBB grant program is administered by the California Residential Mitigation Program ([CRMP](#)), a Joint Powers Authority between the California Earthquake Authority ([CEA](#)) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services ([Cal OES](#)).

"Strengthening homes through the Earthquake Brace + Bolt program not only reduces the risk of costly damages but also gives homeowners peace of mind knowing their properties are better prepared to withstand seismic events," said Janiele Maffei, Chief Mitigation Officer, California Earthquake Authority. "By striving for more applications this year, we are working to make a significant impact in protecting California homes and families from the devastating effects of earthquakes."

Income-eligible homeowners may also qualify for supplemental grants. Up to \$7,000 in additional grant funds are available for households with an annual income at or below \$89,040, which may provide up to 100% of the funds needed to cover a seismic retrofit. Grants are contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements and available funds.

"Earthquake retrofits are a cornerstone of creating a safer and more resilient California. By securing older homes with proven seismic strengthening measures, we not only protect families and their investments but also reduce the potential strain on communities during a major earthquake," said Tom Welsh, Chief Executive Officer of the California Earthquake Authority. "Every home retrofit brings us closer to a more resilient California."

Beginning January 15 through March 26, 2025, eligible homeowners can apply for a retrofit grant at EarthquakeBraceBolt.com, where they can also find detailed program information, select a trained California-licensed general contractor and [view the full list of ZIP Codes](#) and program areas. New EBB program ZIP Codes include areas in and around Los Angeles County, Riverside and San Diego.

About Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB)

Established by the California Residential Mitigation Program, EBB offers up to \$3,000 to help California homeowners retrofit their house to reduce potential damage from earthquakes. A residential seismic retrofit makes a house more resistant to earthquake activity, such as ground shaking and soil failure, by bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space. For more information, please visit: EarthquakeBraceBolt.com.

About the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP)

CRMP was established in 2011 to help Californians strengthen their homes against damage from earthquakes. CRMP is a joint powers authority created by the California Earthquake Authority and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. For more information, please visit: <https://www.californiaresidentialmitigationprogram.com/>

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