

# \$3,000 Seismic retrofit grants available in select ZIP Codes in Humboldt County

Recent earthquakes damaged homes and displaced homeowners in Humboldt County. To lessen the potential for similar outcomes from future earthquakes, CRMP is offering the opportunity to register for the Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program to receive up to \$3,000 toward a code-compliant seismic retrofit for houses that qualify.

### A Brace and Bolt Retrofit

In an EBB retrofit, the foundation is bolted, and if there is a cripple wall, it is braced.

- **Bolting:** adding anchor bolts in the crawl space to help prevent the home from sliding.
- **Bracing**: adding plywood to the cripple walls to stiffen them and help prevent the home from collapsing.

#### **NEW ELEMENTS MAKE UP A SEISMIC RETROFIT**



### Houses that qualify, typically:

- Are built before 1980 (but are more prevalent before 1940);
- Have a raised continuous perimeter concrete foundation\*;
- Post & pier construction may qualify, but continuous perimeter concrete foundation will need to be installed\*; and
- May have wood-framed walls (called cripple walls) in the crawl space under the first floor.

\*Certain foundations may require more extensive retrofitting that will impact cost

### Supplemental Grants Available

EBB is offering a **Supplemental Grant** to help income-eligible households pay up to 100 percent of the cost to seismically retrofit their homes. Income-eligible is defined as a household with an annual income at or below \$72,080.

### **Register for EBB:**

Go to **EarthquakeBraceBolt.com** between May 22 and July 31, 2023. Create an online account and answer questions for an opportunity to participate. Participants will be randomly selected.

A permit must not be issued before you have been accepted into the program, and retrofit construction work must not begin before being notified by EBB that your pre-retrofit documents have been approved.



EBB has helped more than 20,000 homeowners seismically retrofit their older house. EBB is working to create more resilient communities, one house at a time.

## 2023 HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROGRAM AREAS\*

(\*Eligibility is solely based on ZIP Code, not city or neighborhood.)

#### HUMBOLDT ZIP CODES

<b>Arcata</b>	<b>Ferndale</b>	<b>Petrolia</b>
95521	95536	95558
<b>Bayside</b>	<b>Fortuna</b>	<b>Rio Dell</b>
95524	95540	95562
<b>Blue Lake</b>	<b>Loleta</b>	<b>Scotia</b>
95525	95551	95565
<b>Eureka</b>	<b>McKinleyville</b>	<b>Trinidad</b>
95501, 95503	95519, 95521	95570

- The recent earthquakes in the Humboldt area severely impacted many homeowners, and we want to help strengthen as many homes as possible before the next one strikes.
- We are opening an EBB registration to help homeowners in the Humboldt area.
- Homeowners in 13 ZIP Codes are eligible to register for the Humboldt EBB Program (not all Humboldt county ZIP Codes are included). See the list above.
- This is a seismically active area and because of the type of construction, many of the homes are vulnerable to earthquake shaking.
- We are offering additional funding (Supplemental Grants) to help income-eligible residents complete a brace + bolt retrofit. To qualify, the annual income of a household must be \$72,080 or less.
- Register today for a seismic retrofit grant at www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com







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