

Earthquake Brace and Bolt adds Nearly 300 ZIP Codes; Largest Program Expansion



See if you qualify for an EBB \$3,000 seismic retrofit grant

Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) helps homeowners lessen the potential for damage during an earthquake. EBB offers up to \$3,000 toward a code-compliant seismic retrofit for houses that qualify.

Supplemental Grants Available

EBB is offering Supplemental Grants 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 \$87,360.

Register for EBB:

Go to **EarthquakeBraceBolt.com** between January 10, and February 21, 2024. Create an online account and answer questions for an opportunity to participate. Once registration closes, EBB will select homeowners through an electronic random drawing. All homeowners who successfully registered will be notified by email whether they have been selected to participate or whether they have been placed on the wait list.

Important! To remain eligible to receive the \$3,000 grant and the [EBB Supplemental Grant](#), you must not obtain a permit or begin retrofit construction work before being notified by EBB.



“ I thought it would be harder and take longer but the contractor I chose took care of everything and did it fast. ”

Mark Whitney
Seismic retrofit completed,
Los Angeles



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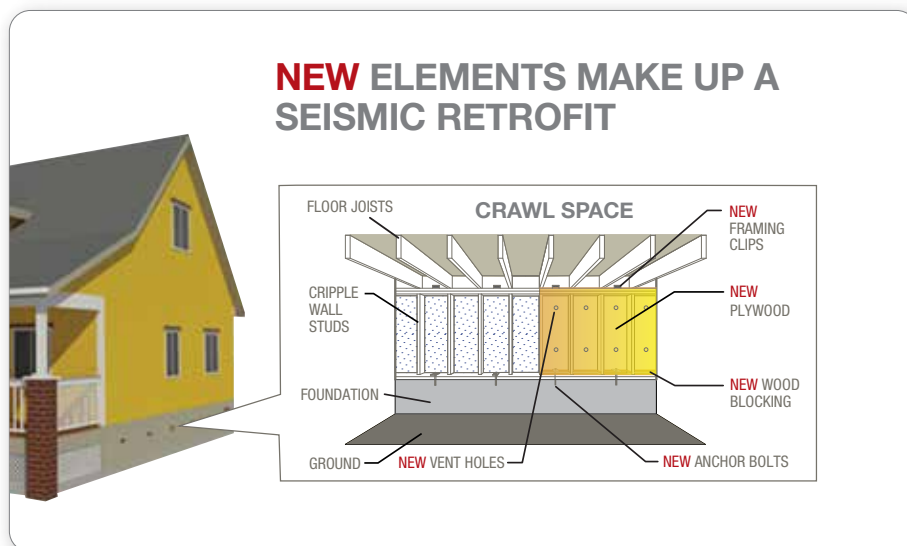


A Brace and Bolt Retrofit

In an EBB retrofit, the foundation is **bolted** to the frame of the house, and if there is a cripple wall in the crawl space under the house, 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.

An EBB seismic retrofit is only done on wood-framed, pre-1980 homes with a raised foundation. To be eligible for an EBB grant, you must own and live in the house you want to retrofit.



“ We realized that it has an older style foundation, which is particularly susceptible to earthquakes.”

Jason & Cheryl Sew Hoy
Oakland, CA



Houses that qualify, typically:

- Are built before 1980;
- Have a raised continuous perimeter concrete foundation;
- Sit on level ground or a low-slope;
- May have wood-framed walls (called cripple walls) in the crawl space under the first floor; and
- Are located in one of the EBB program areas, which are designated by ZIP Code*.



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EBB has helped more than 23,000 homeowners seismically retrofit their older house. EBB is working to create more resilient communities, one house at a time.

*For a complete list of 2024 EBB ZIP Codes, go to EarthquakeBraceBolt.com



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