

## HMGP State-Wide Applicant Briefing Webinar for Hurricane Irma (DR-4337)- Survey Questions and Answers

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Potential of organizations other than government agencies receiving funding?	→	Private Non-profits, and Tribal nations can apply through their county's LMS Working Group.	→	Application requirements?	See Application and Checklist on <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/de m/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/de m/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>	Collier County funds were cut by 38%. Why? Will Lee County funds be cut?	→	The cut you saw was due to an adjustment that FEMA made at the 6 month mark. Until 12 months, the overall estimated HMGP funding among can go up or down depending on the results of how the Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Small Business Administration numbers change for that disaster.
What is the reason for the huge reduction in the amount of HMGP monies for the State of Florida?	→	FEMA had published a 6 month estimate. Since the HMGP figure is tied to what came into the state for Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Small Business Administration, when those numbers adjust so does HMGP.						
Opportunities to use different pots of money to fund the same project, including how to handle competing local matches (global match program?)	→	You can combine any number of funding sources so long as they are non-federal. Global match option allows a county to use a mitigation project fully funded at the local level to be used as match for another mitigation project. That project is then reimbursed at 100% federal funds as opposed to the typical 75%. All projects must still pass review and cannot start until after contracting with the state.						
1. Timeline / Schedule for grant process. (When will funding be available)	→	Currently the HMGP funding is already available. Once an application is submitted with the proper documentation and LMS Working Group Endorsement, we can begin review. The state does not wait until the application deadline to begin application review.	→	2. How will the tier two projects be done? Will there be a separate application process for tier two?	All applications, regardless of tier, must be submitted within the same application period. A project is considered Tier 2 if it doesn't fit within the Tier 1 allocation amount. More information can be found in the Notice of Funding Availability for Irma on the state website. Feel free to contact us if you have additional questions.			
Will you provide an overview of the HMGP application process?	→	Yes, both during the state-wide webinar as well as during the small group webinars, if needed.	→	What backup materials will we need to provide?	Please see application and checklist available on the state website for project-specific requirements. <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/de m/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-">https://www.floridadisaster.org/de m/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-</a>			
1) Speak to criteria for Global Match. Is there any restriction on the type(s) of state and local funds applied?	→	Will be covered on state-wide webinar.						
Facilities infrastructure and dependability Communication backup systems	→	We would need more details in regards of this inquiry. What type of infrastructure or facility? Impact to the community?						

Could this program be used to enhance law enforcement communications to be better prepared for a future emergency declaration, e.g. P25 conversion?	→	This would be ineligible under this program.	Is it appropriate to retrofit a building leased for law enforcement use but not owned by a county or the entity?	→	For the most part, any structure can have a mitigation retrofit. The question will come down to who owns it and whether or not it's cost-beneficial.						
We have several large scale community wide infrastructure drainage projects for Bonita Springs, FL. We just want to be sure these types of projects will score high and be favorably reviewed. They are all projects that SW FL Water Management agrees would help with the type of flooding the city experienced after Iran.	→	The state does not rank projects submitted by the counties, as that process is done at the local level via the LMS Working Groups. If it's high on the funding list sent to us, and passes all eligibility requirements, it should make its way through review.									
1. Current eligible projects that can be used as a match.	→	Global match is an option, so long as certain requirements are met, which will be covered during the	2. Alternatives to historical data.	→	For BCA, using expected information is an option.						
Facilities eligible for generators - any constraints?	→	A generator can only be purchased if a key part to a larger mitigation project, or the structure is deemed a critical facility by your county via the LMS.	Match options - other grants, global, in-kind, etc.?	→	Cash and volunteers can be used as well. Match must be non-federal.						
Application process Announcement of Award timetable	→	Will be covered on state-wide webinar. Award timetable for each project varies depending on type of project and any issues encountered along the way.									
when are the local draft application review presentations?	→	These dates will be set once every county in your small group responds with their available dates. If you have not heard back for your group it is because they may be one or more who have not responded.									
Eligibility	→	In addition to what was covered in the webinar you can visit the state's HMGP page for more resources or contact our staff. <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>	Application requirements	→	In addition to what was covered in the webinar you can visit the state's HMGP page for more resources or contact our staff. <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>	Approval process	→	In addition to what was covered in the webinar you can visit the state's HMGP page for more resources or contact our staff. <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>			
1. Can you confirm that the acronym H&H listed on the Flood Control worksheet stands for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study?  Note. The Generator and Flood Control Project form have misspelled words. Page 5-Flood control/plain, and Page 1 and 2 for the Generator form.	→	Yes, it stands for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study. Thank you for pointing out misspelled words, corrections have taken place.	2. How much can be allocated for administrative costs per application (3%, 5%, or 10%)?	→	There is no ceiling for how much can be written in, however, be aware that it will affect your BCA score.	3. Can a local gov/nonprofit charge an indirect cost rate?	→	Any indirect costs such as administrative costs would need to be written into the project budget. You may request these funds, but be aware that it will affect your BCA.	4. The pre-award cost form has a limited number of lines for the budget. Should we provide a detailed attachment if there are more line items?	→	Yes.
Interested in generator upgrade. We have a generator that is undersized for our fire station (No AC, computers, etc.) and is also quite old.	→	As described this project will be eligible for HMGP, as long as the reason to replace it to ensure that the building will be 100% functional and not just the replacement of existing generator because it has reached its project useful life.									
1. What is proper way to fill out the cost-benefit component?	→	The best buy to provide information for the BCA is by filling out the proper worksheet, making sure you answer all questions and provide a good description of the project and losses.									

<p>Is a replacement site eligible or considered new construction? Want to remove old shelter to replace with Category 5 shelter.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>It would be ineligible under HMGP. It is considered new construction. The only forms of "new construction" that are eligible are safe rooms and mitigation reconstruction. HMGP allows funding for "code plus projects", where HMGP will pay only for the difference of building up to code vs.</p>								
<p>Opportunities for the Regional Planning Councils</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Work with county LMS Working Groups in your region for single county, or multi-county projects. Counties can use part of their allocation to fund a portion of the overall project. If multiple counties funding it, an endorsement letter from each LMS Working Group is required.</p>								
<p>What are the biggest factors that are used to determine which projects are more eligible than others for the grant?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>We don't look at project being "more" eligible than others for any sort of ranking purpose. If a project meets all HMGP eligible requirements then it will pass review like any other project. Ranking is determined at the county</p>								
<p>Tips to increase BCA Value</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Some of these were covered during webinar. Tips are subject to the type of project, I will need additional info to answer this question.</p>	<p>Eligibility considerations for Historic and Cultural facilities and PNP's for retrofit or generators</p>	<p>→</p> <p>Historic and cultural facilities will need to demonstrate the impact of the loss of service like any other facility. Also a regular environmental and Historic Preservation review will take place. Conditions may be given if the project is approved for funding.</p>	<p>Concerns or considerations regarding large scale drainage improvement projects</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Concerns for BCA: The project cost vs. the avoided losses for cost effectiveness.</p>	<p>Benefits of residential acquisition/demolition or elevation through HMGP versus FMAP</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>HMGP is, for the most part, non-competitive. With FMA, you will be competing for funding against 49 other states as well as those within Florida also applying. This doesn't mean that it's impossible, but it does pose an additional challenge. As far as project management, it about the same. No difference in the Technical review other than the fact that FMA's application is</p>
<p>Some projects may have been pre-preliminary endorsed by the County but may not be approved by the State. If the HMGP is not adequate for the type of project, what other Grants are available? Who is the contact person? The State website does not provide suffice information for projects that will enhance local capabilities to prepare and respond to emergencies.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Depending on the project type, Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance could be possible future funding sources. Susan Harris-Council would be the contact for those. Brianna Beynart runs the Hazard Loss Mitigation Program, which is a state funded program. Information for that program can be found on our state website as well as the slides that accompanied this document.</p>								
<p>Strategies or actions smaller municipalities can take to increase successful applications and awards. Frequent challenges for smaller cities and townships limit the number of available personnel and resources when applying for grants.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>At this point, asking as many questions as you can early will increase the quality of your applications. Feel free to send us drafts to ensure you're on the right track. In the future, during blue skies, create draft applications for projects you'd like to submit for future funding sources. This will reduce the administrative burden after a disaster.</p>								
<p>how long before reimbursement?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Typically around two weeks, but extenuating circumstances could delay that.</p>								
<p>Must municipalities be a part of a County's application.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Depends on the situation. We would need to know more information.</p>								
<p>1. How many quotes should we get</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Applications can be submitted with a vendors estimate (1), a budget develop by the engineering or public works department or an estimate based on previous</p>	<p>2. How many projects are too many to ask for</p>	<p>→</p> <p>None. As many as you can successfully complete before the application deadline is how many we will review. Please prefer quality over quantity, though.</p>	<p>3. If they are like projects such as 3 generators should we put it into one proposal or individual proposals.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>If they are all being managed by the same applicant, then you may put them under the same application.</p>			

<p>1. Is all housing owned by a government but NOT owned or operated by the same government's actual Public Housing Authority (a specific federal term) eligible for HMGP if the ownership eligibility is not fulfilled?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>They would be eligible for HMGP funding, but depending on the situation and project type there would need to be some sort of voluntary participation agreement between the sub-applicant and the owner. Would need more information.</p>	<p>2. Does the State approve of and support attendance requirements that entirely pre-select applicants for Tier 1 based only four meetings a year (not critical facility status or location) for the HMGP program?</p>	<p>→</p> <p>If this is a question regarding project selection at the local level, then it is not something we approve or deny. We delegate the project selection and ranking process to each county through the 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code. If we've misunderstood, please contact us to clarify.</p>	<p>Will the State consider HMGP FEMA guidance to rank critical facilities that operate before, during and after the storm to fulfill an emergency public purpose higher than tourist attractions, youth centers?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>That is not something that state does. If a county's LMS Working Group wants to rank critical facilities at the local level, then they are free to do so.</p>			
<p>How the State plans to run cost/benefit analysis for critical facility generator applications, as there will be many this cycle. The traditional FEMA CBA does not lend well to generator applications.</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>This statement is inaccurate, FEMA BCA does well with this type of projects. If the facility is really a "critical facility" with a loss of service that impacts the community, most likely will be cost effective.</p>								
<p>1. How to fill out the form if you have project estimates and not actual quotes due to the cost of engineering studies</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Provide your project estimate (breakdown) with the most accurate information available.</p>	<p>2. Matching requirements ?</p>	<p>→</p> <p>Must be non-federal and can be a combination or in-kind, cash, materials, and/or volunteer.</p>	<p>3. Assessment criteria- county priorities, state priorities, or federal priorities?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Assessment criteria will look at a variety of factors covering programmatic, technical and environmental factors. For the HMGP, there are no state or federal priorities for specific project types. All priorities are set at the</p>			
<p>In the case of acquisition of flooded properties- what is the relationship of flood insurance payments to the amount of the property buyout - if any?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Any benefit, such as a flood insurance payment for structure damage, that is not put back into the building as repairs would be subtracted from the appraised value. If not, it would be considered a duplication of benefits. Proof of those repairs would need to be provided through either invoices marked paid or other receipts.</p>	<p>Is there an appraisal standard to be applied to flood-damaged properties?</p>	<p>→</p> <p>Appraisals will be based on a pre-flood fair market value.</p>						
<p>How much documentation is required for elevation project that is not yet designed?  or How much time do we have to get design / estimates?</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Elevation designs are not necessary at the time of the application, you are only required to provide the type of elevation that will take place (standard elevation, mitigation reconstruction). Structural assessment will be required before starting construction.</p>	<p>Do we have BCA calculator for Windows version 7 Professional or Windows 10?</p>	<p>→</p> <p>Feme's BCA tool 5.3 runs on either operational system.</p>						
<p>Who qualifies for funds</p>	<p>→</p>	<p>Counties that have a FEMA approved and locally adopted Local Mitigation Strategy at the time of application submittal. Eligible applicants include government entities (state or local), private non-profits, tribal nations. Anyone else would need an eligible entity to apply on their behalf. All interested applicant must go through a county's Local Mitigation Strategy</p>								

What do you need to submit with your application	→	Visit the site below and view the applicant and checklist. Contact us if you have further questions regarding this. <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>	What is the time frame for your application	→	Application review times vary depending on the project type and any requests for information required during the review process.					
Benefit-cost analysis	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details								
Project Eligibility	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details	Benefit-cost	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details					
-mitigation funds are to be used for projects that "substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering resulting from a major disaster" and address "a problem that has been repetitive, or a problem that poses a significant risk to public health and safety if left unsolved" ....does hardening an existing facility that is vulnerable qualify?	→	Yes								
What activities are inclusive to hardening public facilities?	→	There are many ways that it could be done, but typical project types include, but are not limited to, structural and non-structural retrofits to buildings, or wind mitigation projects like shuttering,								
Project eligibility.	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details								
Can counties that were not affected by Hurricane Irma apply for funding during the application process?	→	Yes. For Irma, all counties were included in the disaster declaration and can apply for tier 1 and 2 funding. In the past, those counties that were not declared were considered tier 3 and could apply for funding on a first-come-first-serve basis after tier 1 and 2 and there was funding remaining.								
1. When should we expect the funding to be available for projects?	→	Funding is available now for counties to apply for. As far as the review and approval process, that depends on the project type as well the completeness of the application.	2. What is the time period for match funding? For example, can we use design funding towards the match requirement and do the design now?	→	If you wanted to do the design work before the project start date, you would need to submit a Pre-Award Costs form so that these costs would be reimbursable once the project is reviewed and approved.					
Is HMGP limited to "above code" improvements? What is code basis? Only FBC? or also FEMA Flood codes? If FEMA flood codes, and that requires complete demolition and replacement to meet BFE, is the total cost eligible?	→	I need additional information to answer this questions. What type? FEMA flood codes...NFIP? Residential or public structure?								
Is local universal match available?	→	Not sure if I understand. If you are referring to "Global Match," where you use a mitigation project fully funded at the local level as the match requirement for other mitigation projects, then yet it is available as an option.	What are the priorities in this year's HMGP funding, type of projects?	→	No priorities for project types are set at the state level for the HMGP.					



Does local LMS workgroup, prioritize the projects prior to getting application in or can agency go ahead and submit the application?	→	Must go through your counties LMS Working Group for selection, prioritization and endorsement.	what if the LMS prioritize agency project low; but agency considers high; can agency still submit the application?	→	The LMS Working Group submits a prioritized list of endorsed projects. The state will only consider those projects for funding.				
Eligible projects (please specify the whole generator thing because you know it is going to come up especially with the state requirements to have one for nursing homes).	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details. If more guidance is needed, please contact us.	Application process and requirements (that a good application is not 1 or 2 pages, and that they have to read the instructions and follow them thoroughly or be rejected).	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details. If more guidance is needed, please contact us.	That their project has to be on the County's PPL, and they have to have adopted the County's LMS in order to be eligible for these funds (everyone is sending around your emails saying there is money available, when in actuality if they aren't on a PPL or part of an LMS they are not eligible).	→	During Irma we made it a point to control the spread of false information about the HMGP in Florida. If you could send us the email in questions then we can see where the miscommunication was and correct for the future.	
Are signed application for permits or the actual permit required before submission? Are labeled colored Aerial and TOPO Maps, Ground Disturbance maps, public noticing proof, Army Corps of Engineers permit or notification of No Permit Required (NPR), and BCA required with the application submission?	→	Permits, army corp permits are not required with the application (but if the project is not ready for construction the state will make the determination to phase the project). Labeled colored aerial and topo are required with application. Public Noticing proof is not required but a draft of it is. BCA is not required, the State will run the BCA for each application.							
1. Eligible projects	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details. If more guidance is needed, please contact us.	2. Global match	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details. If more guidance is needed, please contact us.	3. What do you consider critical facilities?	→	FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance has a definition, but this is determined primarily at the local level. Just because something is deemed "critical," does not mean that is will automatically pass review. It still must meet all project requirements.	
How is eligibility determined and	→	Covered during the webinar. Please see slides and meeting minutes for details. If more guidance is needed, please contact us.	how much money is available in this cycle.	→	Please visit the link below and see the 6-month allocation under "Irma" <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>				
Timeline of process	→	Counties have until August 6th, 2018 to submit all applications for review. The state will begin review on applications as the come in. Review times vary depending on project type and completeness of application. Once application is reviewed and approved by state and FEMA, the sub-applicant goes through contracting with the state to being the project.							

Questions Submitted during the HMGP State-Wide Applicant Briefing Webinar\*

Q	A
Q: If you can explain In-Kind vs. In-House, it came up a lot with Matthew.	→ A: these terms are interchangeable for the most part.
Q: please share the numbers behind each of the estimates - 90 days and 6 months	→ A: The Division is still considering this request.
Q: Jared, will you be sending out whatever slides or information is presented today to all those who are on the call for future reference or to answer questions of those who weren't able to attend today?	→ A: Yes we will.
Q: We are a historic house museum. When Irma hit we were part of Miami-Dade County government. As such, we are applying for public assistance and PA mitigation as a County agency. On Oct. 1, we transitioned our governance structure to a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. We would like to apply for HMGP funds as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit for projects that will hopefully receive a minor portion of PA mitigation (as applied through the County). That will be fine, right?	→ A: These programs can be used in conjunction, however, be aware of duplication of benefits.
Q: How much LMS approved project money is already "taken" in Lee County?	→ A: Nothing at this point. The allocation for Lee can only be drawn down through approval of Lee County's LMS Working Group.
Q: Will the power point be available?	→ A: Yes

Q: Will this webinar be held again at a later date?	→ A: At this point we do not plan to hold another state-wide webinar. Future webinars will be for the small group workshops.
Q: Can we do piggyback contracts?	→ A: Could you explain a little more? I'm not familiar with this. Feel free to contact us.
Q: Will your mitigation specialists work with the applicant if the BCA is not initially favorable? Lower admin costs, etc.	→ A: Yes, definitely. We will work with you to get to a favorable BCA score
Q: where can we find the actual grant application?	→ A: Please visit <a href="https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/">https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hazard-mitigation-grant-program/</a>
Q: You skipped over "emergency pumps" in the ineligible project slide	→ A: My apologies. Was there something specific you wanted to know about it?
Q: If you review the project prior to the deadline, you still would not submit it to FEMA until the deadline correct?	→ A: Not necessarily. We would submit as soon as possible
Q: do we get a copy of your presentation?	→ A: Yes, we will distribute it afterward.
Q: How do we schedule a applicant workshop?	→ A: I have already sent out scheduling invites to each county. If you let me know your county I can tell you who my contact is.
Q: Where do we go to view the list of what is considered a "critical facility"	→ A: There is no official list. It's more of a loose definition in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance. If you google "FEMA HMA Guidance" it should be the first hit. For the most part it's determined at the local level.
Q: If 2 hospitals 30 miles apart that share the same license apply on one submission form?	→ A: If they will be under the same sub-applicant and are the same project type, then that can be submitted as one application. Otherwise, separate
Q: 404 & 406 do these come from the same pot of \$\$\$?	→ A: The are both federal, but they are separate. PA 406 will in turn increase a state's 404 funding as 404 is a percentage on top of the IA, PA, and SBA that comes into a state post-disaster.
Q: Are you going to provide the presentation?	→ A: Yes
Q: can you please share this presentation.	→ A: Yes
Q: If awarded, can we use existing contracts for design and construction, or do we have to procure separately?	→ A: It would need to follow 2 CFR 200 and your local procurement procedures
Q: It was mentioned that project schedule cannot exceed 3 years. When would be the time zero point.	→ A: It would begin at your official start date after you go through contracting with the state.
Q: Where can we find the definition of Critical Facilities?	→ A: It is in FEMA's HMA Guidance, but it's primarily determined at the local level.
Q: We are thinking about getting a contractor for mitigation. could we get a previously submitted scope of work from another county?	→ A: Yes. It you are looking for a specific project type, feel free to email us and we will get back with you.
Q: If a project crosses county lines what county LMS WG should review the project?	→ A: It depends on if one or both counties want to use their allocation to fund it. If both counties want to assist with it, the project would need to be on both counties' LMS priority list. If not, then one county would need to fit the whole bill.
Q: is there a list of sample eligible projects?	→ A: If you want sample applications for a specific project type we can help you out. Just shoot us an email.
Q: Will this presentation be made available for download?	→ A: Yes
Q: Claudia, what does SOW stand for?	→ A: Scope of Work
Q: Are these slides going to be available to us after the presentation?	→ A: Yes
Q: Does each project have to have a separate submission?	→ A: Yes
Q: The NOFA states the application needs a digital copy on a CD. Can it be a Flash Drive?	→ A: No. CD please
Q: The application must be mailed or hand delivered? Last year, I believe you had to log in to an online application system.	→ A: You might been thinking of either FMA or PDM. HMGP has been mail or in person.
Q: Can a project be budgeted within the jurisdiction prior to being approved?	→ A: Yes
Q: Is there another NOFA estimate before 12 month now?	→ A: Not typically.
Q: Can a project be budgeted within the jurisdiction prior to being approved?	→ A: If you could provide more information to make sure we are on the same page.
Q: Just to be sure, permitting and design performed prior to submitting the application can be budgeted for reimbursement as Pre-Award Costs as long as it after the Declaration date?	→ A: Correct
Q: Does the county or Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group submit a collective application, or does each approved entity apply individually?	→ A: It depends on your local process. At the very least, we need an endorsement letter that includes every project being submitted. Once we get the letter, it doesn't matter if the applications come in a different times.
Q: If 3 hospitals in two different counties apply do they have to do 1,2 or 3 applications?	→ A: It depends. Which hospitals are in which counties and are they different project types? Give us more information and we can figure it out.
Q: I believe I saw on a previous slide that pictures can be submitted digitally. Can they just be added to the CDs we submit or do they have to be printed as	→ A: They can be submitted digitally, you don't have to print them.
Q: is there a list of sample eligible projects	→ A: The Hazard Mitigation Guidance contains a list of eligible projects.
Q: THE FEMA BCA version that I have is 5.2.1 - is this acceptable?	→ A: Version 5.3 is the one to use.
Q: the funding amount from the 90 day estimate, which was only announced a month ago, is wildly different from this 6 month estimate....how did the numbers change that dramatically in a months time ?	→ A: FEMA adjusts these numbers based on the estimates from IA, PA, SBA. As far as the specifics as to where the numbers dropped, I do not have that information. The NOFA has the 90-days estimate, but it was published later that the actual 90-day mark as we wanted to make sure the numbers were accurate for the information we had at the time.
Q: can you explain phasing please? is Phase II a completely separate review? in other words, a community could receive design funding, but not construction funding ?	→ A: After you submit your application, the State will determine if your project needs to be phase because is not ready for construction. Phase I will include the survey, designing, permitting, etc. and Phase II will be the actually construction of the project. If the project is phased, we will review your project to recommend the approval of phase I; once completed, deliverables should be submitted to the State for a Phase II review.
Q: My City has a public boat ramp park which has several over the water amenities including fishing pier, finger docs, and floating docks. During every Hurricane significant damage to these amenities occur. For Hurricane Irma, the estimate is over \$1 million in damage. Our City Commission has authorized the construction of Breakwater to protect these facilities during the next storm surge affect. Would the construction of this Breakwater meet the HMGP eligibility requirements	→ A: We will need more details to determine the eligibility of this project, but in terms of cost effectiveness it will be difficult to collect benefits based on loss of service.

\*Certain questions were not included as they pertained to A/V issues or were unrelated to the content of the webinar.