Local Mitigation Strategy

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Statewide Mitigation Planning

Local Mitigation Strategies

Putting Together
the Pieces
for Prevention
Disaster Response
Damage-Repair-Damage Cycle
Hazard Mitigation
Break - the - Cycle

Damage
Repair
Why is Mitigation Important?

• Decreased Property Damage
• Lives Saved
• Losses Reduced
• Societal Disruptions Minimized
• Legal Liability Reduced
• Protect Critical Facilities
• Positive Political Ramifications
Florida Mitigation Strategy

- Local mitigation planning forms the foundation for short-term and long-term post-disaster recovery and mitigation activities (funding)
- Florida Local Mitigation Strategies Initiative requires each county, its communities and other potential applicants for mitigation related funding to work together to develop and implement a countywide mitigation plan.
Florida Mitigation Strategy

The Florida Mitigation Pyramid

- Federal
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team
- Local Governments
- Non Government Organizations (Red Cross, Salvation Army, VOADs)
- Community Based Organizations
- Residents/ Businesses/ Visitors
State Mitigation Plan

- State Enhanced Plan effective August 2006
- One of only 9 states with FEMA approved Enhanced Plans
- Enhanced mitigation funding from 7.5% up to 20%
Statewide Mitigation Planning

- Local Mitigation Strategies
Local Mitigation Strategies

• Assess vulnerabilities and risk
• Review existing programs and resources
• Develop a mitigation strategy that includes a set of goals and objectives
• Develop a list of mitigation initiatives designed to implement mitigation strategy
• Identify potential funding sources
• Develop an implementation strategy
Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

- Plan Requirements - For all disasters declared on or after November 1, 2004, applicants must have an approved local mitigation plan as a condition of receiving a project grant under federal mitigation grant programs as outlined in 44CFR 201.6
- Estimated 95% of state’s Local Mitigation Strategies meet Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
  - Did not apply for 2004 Hurricane season
  - Is in effect for Hurricanes Dennis and Katrina
Rule delegates to the LMS Working Groups the state’s authority under the HMGP to:

- Set priorities for project selection; and
- Select the projects for funding
Florida Administrative Code
Departmental Rule 9G-22

- LMS Working Group
- Supporting Documentation for Participation in Working Group
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- LMS Update to the Division
- Change to Project Priority List
Federally Funded State Administered Mitigation Grants Programs that Recognize the LMS

- Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Repetitive Flood Claims Grant
- Serve Flood Claims Grant

Each requires documentation of approved local mitigation plan
State Mitigation Grants Programs that Recognize the LMS

- Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund Competitive Grant
- Florida Communities Trust
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Residential Construction Mitigation Program
The Application Process

• State provides notice of funds availability
• Working Group identifies projects and provides state with project list in priority order;
• State contacts project sponsors and holds Applicant Briefings;
• Sponsors forward completed applications to state for eligibility review;
• Joint State/FEMA review of applications
The Application Process

- State submits eligible projects to FEMA for final approval and potential funding consideration
- If the application is approved for funding by FEMA, State begins the project/grant management process
Florida Administrative Code Departmental Rule 9G-22 and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The available HMGP funds shall be allocated to the counties included in the relevant presidential disaster declaration

- Allocation is based on the prorated share of federal disaster funds spent in their county
- State notifies the LMS Working Groups in the declared counties of their allocation
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Overview 2004

• Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
  – Projects must be listed in Local Mitigation Strategy

• 2004 Hurricanes Season HMGP
  – Total over $320 Million in funding
  – 820 applications totaling over 1600 potential projects-received on
  – Joint State/FEMA reviews
  – Application reviews and request for additional information
  – FEMA has begun obligating projects
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Overview 2005

- 2005 Hurricane Season HMGP
  - Estimated $150 Million in funding
  - Over 300 applications totaling over 600 potential projects have been received
  - Application reviews and request for additional information
Mitigation Technical Assistance

- Local Mitigation Strategy updates and maintenance
- Mitigation grant program application development
- Benefit Cost Analysis
- Environmental clearance
- Risk assessment updates
- Grants and project management of funded mitigation projects
- Mitigation education and outreach
- 2004/2005 Hurricane Season Mitigation Lessons Learned

Welcome your input
Questions?
Florida’s Mitigation Strategy

Thank You!