



Welcome to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Team Meeting

January 10, 2012
1:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Opening

The January 2012 SHMPAT Meeting began at 1:00 PM and was facilitated by Laura Herbert. Please refer to meeting sign in for attendees.

Welcome- Introductions

Attendees were thanked for their time. Introductions were made around the room and phone / webinar attendees were read aloud. An overview of the meeting agenda was given. Please see the meeting's PowerPoint for more details concerning the items discussed below, as well as contact information for the various speakers.

Opening Remarks by Miles Anderson, State of Florida State Hazard Mitigation Officer.

Laura Herbert introduced Miles Anderson, who provided opening remarks to the meeting, as well as a "Year in Review".

Planning in Florida: Miles began by praising the hard work of many counties and State agencies in working to keep hazard mitigation plans. Some counties have made significant progress over the last ten years. Moving forward, the State should continue to encourage the same kind of accomplishments, as well as the tracking of progress, and efforts to keep plans alive.

Economic Analysis: In 2011, the Division of Emergency Management completed an economic impact analysis (EIA). An EIA measures the residual benefits of mitigation funds being pumped into the economy, in excess of direct benefits of reduced disaster losses achieved through mitigation. The EIA revealed that approximately 13,000 full time equivalent (FTE) positions

were added to the State as a result of mitigation funds since the 2004 and 2005 storm season. The results of this analysis will be presented at the next SHMPAT meeting.

Training: Training for County Commissioners will begin in the next few months. The goal of the effort is to raise more awareness at the local level.

Miles closed his remarks by emphasizing the importance of inter-entity cooperation and expressed a desire for SHMPAT participants to contact the Bureau if there is anything that Bureau staff can help with.

Overview of Mitigation Funding Resources by Quinton Williams, Shaurita Jackson, and Laura Herbert

Please see the meeting's PowerPoint for greater detail.

Laura began the meeting with a demonstration of a sample local project list and a brief overview of the grant programs available. Grant programs include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM).

Overview of HMGP by Shaurita Jackson: Shaurita outlined HMGP funding as post-disaster funding provided through Section 404 of the Stafford Act. This funding is provided on a 75/25 match basis (75% federal grant, 25% local match). Shaurita continued by provided an overview of the HMGP funding process and basic eligibility criteria.

Overview of Annual Updates Required through Rule 9G-22 by Laura Herbert: Laura reminded local participants that the annual update for local mitigation strategies (LMSs) is due. There was a question from the audience regarding the potential update of 9G-22 due to the move of DEM to the Office of the Governor. Joy Duperault responded to the question by stating that there is a plan to discuss the possible revision of 9G-22, but the move does not impact whether or not this will occur.

Overview of Non-Disaster Grants by Quinton Williams: Quinton provided an overview of the purpose of non-disaster grants, namely to help communities strengthen themselves pre-disaster and briefly outlined the differences between these programs and HMGP. Non-disaster grants are appropriated on an annual cycle, as opposed to post-disaster, and most are geared toward mitigating certain hazards and situations (the exception is PDM). Non-disaster grants that Quinton presented were FMA, RFC, SRL, RCMP, and PDM.

- FMA: The original goal of FMA was to help rebuild flooded properties, but now it is used to mitigate structures within the NFIP program.
- RFC: This program was designed to mitigate repetitive loss properties insured through the NFIP. A participant inquired as to allowable uses for acquired and demolished properties. Joy Duperault responded that properties acquired must remain open space.

- SRL: This program is intended to mitigate properties insured by the NFIP that have sustained at least 4 damages of at least \$5k each. The program provides a 90/10 share.
- PDM: PDM is an annually appropriated and nationally competitive program with similar eligibilities to those expressed in HMGP. Individual project costs are capped at \$3 million and there is a 75/25 match requirement. DEM is urging smaller communities to pursue the funds so that they may share in the benefits.
- RCMP: RCMP is a state-run, annually appropriated program designed to improve residential wind mitigation in the State. No match is required for RCMP and eligible applicants include local governments, non-profits, and agencies. Current eligible projects include research, outreach, and wind mitigation. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year 2013 will come out in a few months.

Participants posed several questions regarding the programs. Joy Duperrault provided the responses.

- Question: Is the building reviewed for structural soundness prior to RCMP project implementation?
Answer: Yes. Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) is completed to ensure cost-effectiveness, an engineer review is completed to ensure technical feasibility, and the full envelope of the structure must be protected at project completion.
- Question: Can privately owned structures apply to RCMP?
Answer: Yes, but local government must apply on their behalf.
- Question: Are State agencies eligible to apply to RCMP?
Answer: State agencies are eligible to apply for funding if the project is eligible.
- Question: What are the funding cycles for these programs?
Answer: The FEMA application cycle for non-disaster grants programs is June 1st through December 2. The PDM program at the State level usually closes around September or October in order to ensure adequate review and enhance eligibility. The State application cycle for PDM usually opens in the beginning of May.

All applicants are encouraged to work with state liaisons throughout the year in order to ensure completion and maximize funding potential.

- Question: What funding is available to sustain LMS and planning efforts?
Answer:
 - FMA – to fund a flood planning element
 - PDM – annual competitive funding
 - HMGP – only available post-disaster
 - There might be the potential for funding to be offered in the future through RCMP.

- Question: Are State agencies eligible for outreach?
Answer: Yes.
- Question: Is the competition for programs at the State or Federal level?
Answer: PDM and RFC are competitive at State and Federal level. For all other programs, pretty much everything that is submitted and passes the application process is funded. There is a particularly high motivation to fund SRL projects.
- Question: When will the RCMP NOFA go out?
Answer: We are dependent on the legislature and schedule of the legislature's schedule. In addition, the RCMP advisory council must meet and approve the NOFA. Nevertheless, you can send in ideas, now, in order to get a head start on identifying what will need to be accomplished. DEM would like to see more folks apply for the funding and would be happy to help identify partners to help work with communities to accomplish retrofit programs.
- Assistance / Contacts for each program:
 - Kirk Spraggins, Helen Johnson, Parker Collins for flood programs
 - Joy Duperault and Quinton Williams: PDM and RCMP
 - Shaurita Hopkins: HMGP

Short Break

The meeting took a 10 minute break. Laura Herbert invited phone and Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group participants to remain on the line if they desired.

SHMP Update Discussion

Laura Herbert provided a basic overview of the status of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) update process, as well as what will be happening over the course of the next year.

Risk Assessment Subgroup: The risk assessment subgroup has met twice. The risk assessment vendor has been selected and will be sent out with meeting materials

Call for participation: Laura called for subgroup members for the planning group. Participants have expressed a desire to work the plan into more of a strategy for the 2013 Update, instead of a record of activities and accomplishments to date. The goal for the 2013 Update is to look forward. In addition, the State would like agencies and the private sector to play a greater role in developing the plan, as well as achieve greater engagement from local participants.

Goals and Objectives Subgroup: The Call for Participation for this subgroup will be held at the next meeting.

Strategy Implementation Tracking & Evaluation (SITE) Update

Laura introduced Carly Cermak to discuss the SITE survey that has been sent to State agencies and will be sent to LMS participants. Carly explained the analysis and its purpose. She explained the survey would solicit feedback on SHMPAT. The link to the survey will be sent via email.

Carly also reviewed the current SITE report, which will be posted to Mitigation bureau website at <http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/State/Index.htm>.

Following questions about the SITE, Carly Cermak, Joy Duperault, and Laura Herbert explained that the purpose of the SITE is to capture and document State agency and non-profit mitigation activities and progress, as well as information pertinent to the SHMP Capability Assessment from both locals and state agencies. Local projects are not needed due to their being tracked through other methods. Nevertheless, it is important for locals, non-profits, and state agencies to communicate successes, difficulties, best practices, and examples of inter-entity coordination that should be captured and could be added to the SHMP or recognized and distributed to interested parties in the State.

Quarterly SHMPPoints Newsletter

Jared Jaworski provided a quick overview of the SHMPPoints Newsletter. The newsletter can be found online at <http://www.floridadisaster.org/Mitigation/State/Index.htm>. Jared expressed that the goal of the newsletter is to take a snapshot of interesting things going on in the world of mitigation. Please feel free to submit ideas and / or articles.

Announcements

- Laura explained that the SHMPAT contact list would be sent out to the entire list for update. Please provide assistance in updating the list by conversing with colleagues that may be on the list, but no longer would like to be involved, as well as those that have not been involved in the past, but would like to be added to the contact list.
- State Regional Evacuation Study received an important APA award for the efforts. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The EIA will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting. Counties may be able to use the tool to perform their own EIAs for their jurisdictions.

Next Meeting is April 10, 2012 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.