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# HMGP Statewide Webinar for Hurricane Idalia

## Chat Log

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March 18, 2024 2:20 PM from Heather Allemang (privately): Application development was listed on the slide deck as a SRMC line item example, should "pre-award" no longer be listed as a line item in the project's cost estimate (and the subapplicant should plan to request their app development expenses from the 5% total of SRMC?)

- March 18, 2024 2:37 PM from Holly Swift to everyone: Heather Allemang - Pre-Award SRMC for application development is an administrative expense, and will be funded and reimbursed under SRMC Pre-award only. The Pre-Award "Project Costs" is separate and included in the budget estimate for soft cost (engineering, studies, etc) directly related to implement the actual project.

March 18, 2024 2:20 PM from Traci Buzbee (privately): Since the legislature provided match for the fiscally constrained counties, should that be indicated in the application?

- March 18, 2024 2:30 PM to Traci Buzbee (privately): Yes, if you are able to use that funding source, it needs to be identified in the budget.

March 18, 2024 2:24 PM from Dennis Johnson to everyone: Are application budgets based on an estimate or actual real time costs for items such as material, labor, and equipment such as generators.

- March 18, 2024 2:27 PM from Holly Swift to everyone: Dennis Johnson - Application budgets are estimates from the best support documentation you have.

March 18, 2024 2:38 PM from Heather Allemang to everyone: Can you use more than one BCA option/method on the same subapplication (such as if you had multiple home elevations under one subapp, could some homes use historical damages while others use modeled damages?)

- Answered verbally

March 18, 2024 2:40 PM from Taryn Parazo-Morrow to everyone: Can a single application and corresponding BCA be prepared that aggregates different types of project activities (ex. line and pole hardening, undergrounding utilities) under a single project type (ex. utility hardening/mitigation)?

- Answered verbally

March 18, 2024 2:53 PM from Robin Yang Miami-Dade County to everyone: Hi all, regarding the solar panels, we saw an announcement regarding "net zero" projects. implying a benefit for reduced carbon emissions?

March 18, 2024 2:55 PM from Robin Yang Miami-Dade County to everyone:  
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/low-carbon-goals#:~:text=Net%2Dzero%20energy%20projects%20reduce,%2C%20green%20retail%20tariffs%2C%20etc.>

- Answered verbally

March 18, 2024 3:28 PM from Dennis Johnson to everyone: Does the BCA score critical facilities such as health departments differently (other than monetary)

- Answered verbally

March 18, 2024 4:01 PM from Diana Ramirez to everyone: is it better to enter the application as an owner or the contractor?

- March 18, 2024 4:05 PM from Jared Jaworski to everyone: Diana: If it is a contractor working on behalf of an eligible entity, they will need to submit an access request and then be associated with that entity's account in DEMES. They essentially are just a user working under that entity's account. This will require approval from the entity first. A property owner cannot submit projects under the HMGP, but have to go through an eligible entity like their county/municipality.

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## Q&A

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-Jolie Patterson (depclerk@redshoresfl.com) - 2:22 PM

Q: is there a separate application that we would need to submit for the sub recipient management cost (like what would be required for the GM?)

-Jared Jaworski - 2:24 PM

A: No, you don't need to submit a separate application for SRMC. You do need to submit an SRMC request form that details what you will use these funds for. this form is on our state website.

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-Kristin Lentz (Kristin.Lentz@em.myflorida.com) - 2:31 PM

Q: Cindy Walker: Is the SRMC cost to be included in the endorsement letters?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:34 PM

A: No. It is a separate pool of funding that is based on your project federal share amount. It doesn't need to be rank or endorsed as it's provided on request for eligible project costs.

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-Cindy Walker (cindy@ovidsolutions.net) - 2:34 PM

Q: Should the SRMC cost be included in the endorsement letter for project cost?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:35 PM

A: No. It is a separate pool of funding that is based on your project federal share amount. It doesn't need to be rank or endorsed as it's provided on request for eligible project costs.

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-Angie Speir (Angie.Speir@em.myflorida.com) - 2:43 PM

Q: Heather Allemang: Can you use more than one BCA option/method on the same subapplication (such as if you had multiple home elevations under one subapp, could some homes use historical damages while others use modeled damages?)

-Jared Jaworski - 2:56 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Robin Yang Miami-Dade County (robin.yang@miamidade.gov) - 2:45 PM

Q: Are there any added benefits that can be included in the BCA for solar panels?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:56 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Taryn Parazo-Morrow (taryn@ovidsolutions.net) - 2:46 PM

Q: Can a single application and corresponding BCA be prepared that aggregates different types of project activities (ex. line and pole hardening, undergrounding utilities) under a single project type (ex. utility hardening/mitigation)?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:56 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Robin Yang Miami-Dade County (robin.yang@miamidade.gov) - 2:48 PM

Q: If a project is used as a global match for another project, other than the timing, do the projects have to connected in function? ie, benefits the same are for mitigating the same hazard?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:57 PM

A: No they do not have to share the same function either with the project they are matching to or the disaster you are applying under.

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-Taryn Parazo-Morrow (taryn@ovidsolutions.net) - 2:48 PM

Q: Will BCA require a P.E. seal?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:56 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Traci Buzbee (tsbuzbee@hotmail.com) - 2:57 PM

Q: Since the legislature provided match for the fiscally constrained counties, should that be indicated in the application?

-Jared Jaworski - 2:59 PM

A: Yes. There is a spot in the cost-share breakdown that you will need to indicate what other funding sources you are using.

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-Loios De Vico (Louisd1024@yahoo.com) - 2:58 PM

Q: is a seawall rebuild at the hernando beach club eligible? we are on the main channel and idalia washed out a lot of soil. the seawall is starting to cave in.

-Jared Jaworski - 3:01 PM

A: Seawalls are an eligible project type. We would need to see some sort of write up for specifics to better assist with determining its eligibility.

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-Natasha Dickrell (ndickrell@pinellas.gov) - 3:09 PM

Q: Is there any environmental/historical location guidance to support a bit of anonymity for land acquisition to help support cost effectiveness? There are concerns about identifying specific parcels when a value and willing seller exists which could impact purchase negotiations if sellers learn that a government entity or grant funding is being used for purchase.

-Jared Jaworski - 3:26 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Natasha Dickrell (ndickrell@pinellas.gov) - 3:13 PM

Q: For land acquisition proposals that do not necessarily include future restoration or flood reduction projects, yet, is there any guidance on providing projected environmental impacts (e.g. applicants seeking acquisition of vacant land or planning to seek separate demo funding)?

-Jared Jaworski - 3:27 PM

A: This question has been answered verbally.

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-Jolie Patterson (depclerk@redshoresfl.com) - 3:50 PM

Q: I believe you have already said this, but the cost share is typically 75 % covered federally and the applicant is responsible for the remaining 25%?

-Holly Swift - 3:58 PM

A: yes that is correct

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-Erin (erin.dohren@citrusbocc.com) - 3:57 PM

Q: Can you show where to find the public notice sample?

-Kayla Born - 4:00 PM

A: The public notice template can be found here: -

<https://portal.floridadisaster.org/mitigation/HMGP%20Project%20Tracker/External/Application/HMGP%20Public%20Notice%20Template-30%20Day.doc>

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-Taryn Parazo-Morrow (taryn@ovidsolutions.net) - 3:57 PM

Q: Is this where the EHP worksheet will be posted and when will it be available?

-Kayla Born - 3:59 PM

A: The EHP Worksheet will be available on that page under Project Worksheets

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-Jolie Patterson (depclerk@redshoresfl.com) - 3:58 PM

Q: and this powerpoint will be emailed out after the session concludes?

-Jared Jaworski – Post-Webinar

A: Not emailed but available on our State HMGP site at [www.floridadisaster.org/hmgp](http://www.floridadisaster.org/hmgp).

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-Tashonda Whaley - Gadsden County EM (tashondawhaley@tds.net) - 3:59 PM

Q: Jared, I think you answered this but.... If a County has several department heads/applicants applying for funding on separate projects, can each applicant receive DEMES access? Or does there need to be one DEMES account holder for all applications being submitted by the County?

-Jared Jaworski - 4:01 PM

A: Yes they can each have their own user account if they need one.