HMGP State-Wide Applicant Q&A (Sessions 1 & 2)

Question	Answer	Session
Do generator projects for critical facilities require a benefit cost analysis?	Yes	1
While studies are ineligible are plans, such as an emergency contingency plan HMGP eligible?	Unfortunately no, as any soft-cost such as this would need to result in a direct mitigation project.	1
5% of federal share or 5% of total cost for sub-recipient management: retroactive? we were approved recently but are working on revising our budget for resubmission.	Ultimately the 5% is tied to the federal share, but if a project has a fully 75% federal cost-share, it is the same as 5% of the total project cost. The appropriate SRMC can be calculated using the formula $((X*100/75))*.05$, where "X" equals the project's approved federal share.	1
Can those pre-award costs be used as part of the 25% match, if awarded?	pre-award costs should be included in your project budget as well as in the pre-award request. Anything requested for pre-award with have the same federal-non-federal cost-share as the overall project. So, yes they can be, but only the same non-federal match as the rest of the project.	1
Admin costs in G. Does that count even if it is county workers or do we have to pay outsiders?	A county worker's time can be used for management costs, so long as their activities are administrative to the project is some way.	1
I am fillin g out as if my grant admin is doing the work at 30 an hour.	You can use staff salary costs in the estimation for SRMC. Their time will need to be adequately documented when filing for reimbursement.	1
Very well, how do we document this. I have been working on this grant now for some likely about 30 hours. do I estimate. or provide 214s	I can send you additional information offline.	1
What grant is due May 10?	FM-5307 for the most recent FMAG. This post-fire grant is similar to the normal HMGP process, but differs in how the funding is calculated.	1
If we are looking at hardening multiple structures is it better to submit them individually or as a group?	Projects like this can be grouped together, generally. If it's multple sites, but with the same project type, they can typically be grouped. Also, if it's 1 site but multiple project types, they can be as well. This is just a general guide, but if you send us more information then we can better asses it.	2
Q: Should we use the FDEM Damage calculation sheet or can we still use the FEMA BCA tool?	The FDEM damage calculation sheet will be use to calculate building damage, content damage, displacement and/or road closures. The results is what we will need to enter in FEMA's tool to complete the BCA for the project.	2
In regards to Dorian, DEM went straight to the 12-month NOFA...will that be the new norm?	We hope not and it's not our intention to. COVID pushed many of our dates around and we are still catching up. Our goal is to hit our deadlines better in the future.	2
What does PAS stand for?	Program Administration by States. It's an opt-in program for states to have more oversight over the HMGP that normally FEMA would be involved in. It essentially removes a lot of the redundant processes in the program in order to speed up the application/review process.	2
Would abandoning a lower floor to just parking and storage (removing non-waterproof materials) and building a second floor for living space on top, qualify?	This could potentially fall under elevation or potentially be a mitigation reconstruction. Without details I couldn't give a dfinitive answer at this point. If you'd like to send a more detailed scope of work of what options you are considering, we could help you better offline. You can send it to jared.jaworski@em.myflorida.com.	2
If there is a 120 day response after decalarion needed, does that mean othing can be done now about Irma damage?	The 120 days is when we take a snapshot of what federal assistance has come into the state at that point. We use this to determine the proportions for the Tier 1 estimates. The federal assistance is still coming into the state and will raise or lower the overall disaster number (federal assistance). It's not a deadline for assistance, but just a way for us to get a firm proportion for dividing up tier 1 funding. I hope I understood your question. Please let me know if I need more clarification.	2

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Thank you for explaining 404 and 406!	You're welcome!	2
Hello. Will you be sharing this PowerPoint with us?	Yes. It will be available on our state website next week. I'll show where to find it at the end of this workshop.	2

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