

HMGP State-Wide Applicant Briefing Webinar for Hurricane Michael (DR-4399) Q&A
Questions Submitted during the HMGP State-Wide Applicant Briefing Webinar*

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Q: If a plan is expired but the community is working on the update, will the state be flexible and allow a community to submit an application under this disaster, provided that the plan is approved before the award is officially issued and no work begins before the award	A: We will definitely work with communities to have their plans approved prior to submittal. If it's a case where there is a delay on the approval we will work with the community. There is some flexibility depending on the situation.
Q: Do you know the next NOFA expected for PDM/FMA?	A: I don't, but if you contact Susan Harris-Council, she can assist you. Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com
Q: Have Tier 2 Irma HMGP been announced/awarded?	A: We are still reviewing Tier I projects, but some Tier II move up to Tier I after the 12-month allocation.
Q: Are military installations (Tyndall Airforce Base) an eligible sub-applicant	A: If it's a federal entity, then most likely not. This could be a duplication of program violation, if there is an existing managing federal agency that has authority over it.
Q: Will the BCA worksheets be issued as a fillable document? Previous ones were not. Thanks	A: Yes, the worksheets are fillable pdf's since the submittal for Irma.
Q: What is an H&H study?	A: I apologize for that, Hydraulic and Hydrologic studies, use to model different scenarios to show current and after mitigation conditions. Mostly used for drainage projects.
Q: Are septic-to-sewer projects in developed areas eligible activities?	A: I've not seen this type of project, but depending on the mitigation being done and if it can be demonstrated, it could be eligible. We would need to know more details.
Q: Is there a link or email we can use to see the status of our application?	A: If you are referring to Irma applications, you would need to contact the Project Manager assigned to it. If you don't know, shoot me an email at jared.jaworski@em.myflorida.com and I can find out who that is.
Q: For Tier 3 applicants, can HMGP applications be submitted to DEM now or do we have to wait until the NOFA comes out?	A: You can submit now if you're like, just be aware that they won't be reviewed until tier 1 and 2 applications have been first.
Q: Where can we find contact information for local floodplain administrator for dade, st. lucie and palm beach county?	A: Go to https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/floodplain/ and look under the "NFIP Insurance and Citizen Resources" tab. From there the link is at the bottom titled, "Local Florida Floodplain Managers Contact Information"
Q: I missed a part of what was said. Do we have to have the public notice announcements/events before the application is submitted?	A: The Public Notice if required does not have to be posted before the application is submitted. The Environmental Specialist assigned to the application will be guiding the applicant on the Public Noticing process.
Q: Just to make sure I heard you correctly: PNP can now be their own applicant and submit their own applications?	A: Correct. They will still need to have endorsement from their county's LMS Working Group.
Q: What grant would we use to fund generators for lift stations, excluding HMGP.	A: Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) will fund a generator for a critical facility, or as vital a part of a larger mitigation action, as well.
Q: Can the generators for a lift station be stationary or do they need to be portable and allocated for multiple facilities?	A: Either, I believe is possible. If portable, you will have to provide the locations of the other sites.
Q: Does this mean if we do not over submit for Tier 1 then we do not qualify for Tier 2?	A: Correct as you won't have any unfunded projects in need of tier 2 funding. If you have a \$1 million in federal funds and only submit \$500k in project costs, then there's unused funds that will roll into tier 2 reallocation. We want everyone to submit up to and above their tier 1 allocation so that we don't lose federal funding.
Q: Local governments are having trouble meeting 2 CFR, Part 200 procurement requirements for homeowner mitigation projects - can't take over contractor selection/project management - is DEM offering assistance for this?	A: I don't believe it is something we assist with. Feel free to send us a follow-up email with more information, if you could.
Q: Can a project be highly ranked on a LMS list and still be denied funding? Can you speak to how the projects are evaluated based on costs-to-benefits?	A: Claudia and Paula will talk about how we evaluated projects, but yes, even if a project is ranked highly, it may fail review because of other factors like benefit-costs or environmental issues.

Q: FWC has done GIS searches for endangered species in a project area. Is FEMA accepting determinations based on GIS data?	→ A: You can submit the information with the application and a determination will be done during the review process.
Q: What about generators for lift stations?	→ A: This is eligible, so long as they are considered critical, which they typically are.
Q: Do projects always get funded in the order of priority set by the LMS working group, or do they get funded by whoever submitted an application first to the state, or do they go by merit?	→ A: Yes to the former for tier 1 and 2. Yes to the latter for tier 3. Once a funding priority has been set by the working group, the state doesn't change it. We only make eligibility determinations during review
Q: Sorry, I'm still not clear. For Tier 3 applications, let's say your project is a low priority for your LMS working group but you do have a letter of endorsement. What role does it play then to submit your application very quickly (first come first serve)? Does it make a difference in terms of funding whether you have a very high BCA, or do you just look at whether the applicant has at least a positive BCA over 1.0?	→ A: For tier 3, we want to see that it's been endorsed by the Working Group, but other than that, it's funding priority in the LMS doesn't factor in, nor does it's BCA score. If it's eligible and passes review it will be funded in the order than it came in. In tier 3, it's mainly about getting a quality application in early
Q: Hi Jared - Can Businesses apply for HMGP funding on their own? Can Universities apply for HMGP funding on their own?	→ A: Businesses cannot as they are private entities, however an eligible entity can apply on their behalf if they choose to. However, that arrangement is not managed by the state and still must pass eligibility review. Universities can depending on what type of entity they are. They still must go through the LMS Working group process.
Q: Jared - Will your team be conducting onsite technical assistance like they did for Matthew HMGP submission period?	→ A: If you are referring to the in-person applicant workshops, then yes in the impacted areas.
Q: Can you give a couple short examples of 406 projects?	→ A: If a public structure had its windows blown out during a wind event. When Public Assistance is looking at repairing that structure, 406 mitigation could go toward upgrading those windows with impact resistant panes. 406 mainly addresses those damaged elements, so it's scope is limited, but the funding has no cap.
Q: Please define FIPS code	→ A: Federal Information Processing Standards. Your grants/accounting department may have this, or a FEMA Form 90-49 can be submitted to get one.

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