Mitigate FL Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Laura Waterman
Purpose: State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Meeting Location: Florida Division of Emergency Management
Kelley Training Room
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Also available via conference call and webinar
Date and Time: September 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Agenda Item: HMGP Update

- Irma DR-4337
  - Application Reviews are still underway
  - Over $88 million in federal share has been obligated so far
  - Note: Please make sure you are sending your Requests for Information to the correct Point of Contact and your Point of Contacts; we will redirect any inquiries if necessary

- Michael DR-4399
  - Notice of Funding Availability is out!
  - Application deadline is **March 10, 2020**
  - New Application and Application Procedures
    - Applications will be numbered specifically for their disaster going forward (look in the bottom right corner)
    - Only applications with the correct number will be accepted
    - For Tier 3 applications that have already been submitted: your placement will remain the same, just make sure you send the correct application in by the deadline
  - Disaster Response and Recovery Act (DRRA) Changes and Project Management Costs
    - There is a new page in the budget section with instructions
    - The project management costs are not incorporated into the BCA and is up to 5% of the total project cost
    - If you want project management costs you have to request it, otherwise check No
  - Post-Application Deadline Restrictions (see NOFA)
  - New Acquisition Worksheet available to walk you through the process
  - In-person applicant workshops will be scheduled soon in the impacted counties

- Contacts: (see presentation slides for full list of contacts)
  - Jared Jaworski (Program Eligibility) at Jared.Jaworski@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4537
  - Luz Bossanyi (Technical Questions) at Luz.Bossanyi@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4573
• Questions:
  o Tier 3 Irma applications – we have not started reviewing Tier 3 applications at this time
  o Tier 3 placement with new application (see above)
  o New application by Rule – we will confirm

Agenda Item: PDM/FMA 2019 Announcements
• Non-Disaster Grants: FMA and PDM
  o We are hoping to receive $6.5 million for 2018 awards!
  o August 26, 2019: FEMA released NOFO for both FMA and PDM programs
  o August 30, 2019: FDEM distributed the NOFOs and guidance memo to County EM Directors and LMS Chairs
  o **November 12, 2019 NLT 5 PM: Sub-applicant submission deadline**
    ▪ Note: this deadline is different than FEMA’s deadline to give reviewers time to work through applications
  o Once applications are submitted, FDEM reviews sub-applications and issues Requests for Information (RFIs)
    ▪ Programmatic (HMA Eligibility)
    ▪ Technical (Feasible/Cost Effective per a Benefit-Cost Analysis)
    ▪ Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Compliance

• Process
  o State submits application to FEMA including selected sub-applications from local governments and other eligible entities by FEMA’s deadline
  o FEMA anticipates selecting sub-applications for funding by June 1, 2020
    ▪ If FEMA has any questions at that time, they will send any RFIs to the State
  o FEMA anticipates awarding sub-applications by December 30, 2020
  o Upon award notification, FDEM will issue contract for execution between the Subgrantee and FDEM
    ▪ Please be aware that NO work, including RFPs, subcontract execution, or ANY procurement activities, may be begin before the Agreement with FDEM is fully executed.

• Contact: (see presentation slides for map of project manager county delineations)
  o David McCune at David.McCune@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4525
  o Susan Harris-Council at Susan.Harris-Council@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4532
  o Robert Collins at Robert.Collins@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4553

Agenda Item: HLMP
• The Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) is in the process of contracting with awarded recipients for this fiscal year’s grant cycle.
• The unused funds from the previous fiscal year were reverted and re-appropriated into the 2019-2020 grant cycle, allowing the HLMP program to award 24 recipients.
• 24 Recipients were each awarded $194,000
• Historically, a majority of applications propose wind mitigation projects. 21 recipients will be moving forward with residential and non-residential wind mitigation.
• New project scopes for 3 other recipients include flood mitigation activities:
  o Museum and Gardens mitigation
Next award date is June 30, 2020
Contact: Jake DeSalvo (HLMP Grant Manager) at Jacob.DeSalvo@em.myflorida.com

Agenda Item: State Floodplain Management Office

- Resources and SFMO’s recent products:
  - FBC 6th Editions Effective 12/31/2017 includes CCCL revisions, Coastal A Zones – LiMWA
  - Post-Disaster Toolkit for Floodplain Administrators (new update is upcoming)
    - See for information about substantial damage assessments
  - Florida’s Floodplain Management Performance Measures
  - CRS/CAV Pilot Program Report
  - SI/SD Desk Reference (P-758)
    - FEMA is working to update the desk reference
    - Focuses on appraisal information and misunderstanding about market value
    - Good course to check out: Estimating FEMA’s Market Value
  - Disaster Recovery & Reform Act (DRRA 2018)
    - Applies to every Presidentially-declared disaster post August 1, 2017
    - FEMA has not yet produced guidance on this and is causing some organizations to “wait and see” to find out if conditions may be affecting their willingness to coordinate support if reimbursements are not assured.
- Contact: (see presentation slides for full list of Floodplain Contacts)
  - Steve Martin (State Floodplain Manager) at 850-815-4505
  - Shannon Riess (SFMP Program Manager) at 850-815-4513
  - Floodplain Manager Helpline at Floods@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4556

Agenda Item: Insurance Sector Update

- Legislation
  - Two NFIP reform bills are in the House and Senate
  - With no fiscal 2020 spending bills yet signed into law, lawmakers are scrambling to avert a government shutdown for the start of the new fiscal year (October 1st)
  - The House has passed 10 of the 12 spending bills, while the Senate has yet to introduce any of its fiscal 2020 appropriations legislation
    - That will change this week when Senate appropriators release their Energy-Water, Labor-Health and Human Services and Defense spending proposals
  - Flood insurance: Several extensions of expiring programs could become part of a Continuing Resolution, including yet another short-term reauthorization for the National Flood Insurance Program (set to expire at the end of the month)
    - The program has been relying on short-term authorizations since 2017, and while House leaders have passed a compromise bill out of committee, H.R. 3167, there’s little indication that the Senate will do the same before the Sept. 30 deadline
- Senate Bill: The NFIP Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2019 (NFIP Re)
o Will most likely not pass
o Cap premium increases at 9 percent a year; offer means-tested vouchers as financial assistance to low- and middle-income families; require claims be processed within set deadlines; invest more in mitigation; limit private insurers’ profit; improve mapping and agent training; and institute various other management reforms

• House Bill: HR 3167
  o Would extend the NFIP to 2024
  o Subsidize policies for low-income citizens; includes a number of reforms to increase affordability; improve mapping; “continuous coverage” provision; revolving loan fund; enhance mitigation and modernize the NFIP

• Lenders
  o As of July 1st, lending organizations will be required to accept private flood insurance presented by borrowers, if it meets the required definition of private flood insurance (per the Biggert-Waters Act)

• Private Market Flood Insurance
  o Private insurance companies in Florida: 47 in 2018 (up from 39 in 2017)
  o According to Corelogic, Florida is the #1 ranked high-risk state for storm surge damage
    ▪ Single family homes at risk: 2.8 million
    ▪ Total replacement cost value: $581 billion
    ▪ Total NFIP policies (2018): 1.76 million

• Risk Rating 2.0
  o To create a more resilient nation, Congress wants to close the insurance gap, stress the need for mitigation pre and post event and encourage not only the adoption of building codes but asking to build to code PLUS
  o FEMA/FIMA through the NFIP are implementing a more modern risk analysis and an insurance industry approach to flood insurance coverages and premiums
  o Will release the rates in April 2020 for implementation in October 2020

• Contact: Barbara Cartwright at Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com or 850-815-4510
• Comments:
  o The county level would benefit from having more regular updates

**Agenda Item: Mitigation Outreach Campaign**

• As an initiative of Mitigate FL and the Mitigation Outreach Committee, the #MitigationMonday Social Media Campaign began in August
  o August posts created by intern Arron McDonagh
  o The posts cover a range of mitigation topics
  o Currently shared on FDEM’s Facebook: follow and like Florida Division of Emergency Management

• Stats from the month of August
  o Overall reached 29,624 people and posts shared 126 times
  o Engagements: 1,720

• Future Goals:
  o Posting to FDEM’s Twitter Account
  o Posting throughout 2020
• Making videos to share about Mitigation

Contact with questions or interest in the Outreach Committee: Kristin Buckingham (Mitigation Planner) at Kristin.Buckingham@em.myflorida.com

Agenda Item: Silver Jackets

• Kickoff meeting held in July
  o Renewed the Charter
  o Discussed biggest flood risks in Florida, specifically focused on sea level rise, king tides and ground water flooding

• First Listening Session – Sept. 13
  o Discussing funding opportunities of each participating agency (Federal, State and local) and any mitigation project they are working on

• Second Listening Session – Sept. 27

• First Quarterly Meeting – October
  o Main topic of discussion will be how to mitigate the flooding risks and increase resilience within the state

• Army Corps project highlight: Inland Community Resiliency Project; received funding to start workshops in Columbia County and Highlands County

Agenda Item: LMS Updates

• Pasco is Approved

• Conducted 5 LMS Update Manual Workshops across the state in August; received positive feedback
  o Please reach out if you would like to schedule a course

Agenda Item: The Bulletin

• Published on 9/9/2019, covering many of the topics discussed during this meeting

Announcements:

• Reaching out to state agencies for updates to Annual Report
• The 27P-22 annual updates will be covered in the next meeting
• Meeting notes and materials will be available online soon

Next Meeting: December 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Kelley Training Room / Webinar

Total Attendees: 129

Attendees – In Person (34):
• Laura Waterman, Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM)
• Kristin Buckingham, DEM
• Miles Anderson, DEM
• Barbara Cartwright, DEM
• Alexandra Boswell, DEM
• Kevin R. Hardy, DEM
• Michael Spagnolo, DEM
• Susan H. Council, DEM
• Jared Jaworski, DEM
• Ryan Lock, DEM
• Dan Curcio, DEM
• Nicolai Modrow, DEM
• Jake DeSalvo, DEM
• Annmarie Insalaco, DEM
• Amy Miller, DEM
• Shannon Riess, DEM
• Steve Martin, DEM
• Danny Kilcollins, DEM
• Madison Kitchen, DEM
• Brianna Beynart, DEM
• Teresa Sanders, DEM
• Luz Bossanyi, DEM
• Claudia Purser, DEM
• Jason Mahon, DEM
• Kim Sharkey, DEM
• Alyssa Hernandez, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
• Dan Evans, DEO
• Peter Newman, Department of Business and Professional Regulation/ESF 6
• Brian Kenyan, Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA)
• Jeff Bielling, Florida Department of Health (DOH)
• Virgil Howard, Florida Department of Management Services (DMS)
• Jerrick Saquibal, North Florida Water Management District (NFWMD)
• Amy Peterson, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
• Frank McColm, F. C. McColm Consulting

Attendees – Webinar (95):
• Miguel Betancur, Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM)
• Kayla Born, DEM
• Willie Bouie, DEM
• Eddy Bouza, DEM
• Debbie Williams, DEM
• Aaron Williams, DEM
• Mindy Yang, DEM
• Renee Singh, DEM
• Gillian Smith, DEM
• Claudia Purser, DEM
• Mitchell Plummer, DEM
• Velma Noel, DEM
• Naomi Iglesias, DEM
• Douglas Galvan, DEM
• Conn Cole, DEM
• Paula Catledge, DEM
• Brian Richardson, Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)
• Carlton Spirio, DOT
- Joseph Sullivan, DOT
- Wisnerson Benoit, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- Terry Hume, DEO
- Joseph Bauer, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Faith Clarke, DEP
- John Fish, Florida Department of Ag and Consumer Services (FDACS)/Florida Forest Service (FFS)
- Ronda Sutphen, FDACS/FFS
- Reginal Williams, Florida Department of Education/Office of Early Learning
- Jeff Bryan, Florida Department of Corrections
- Patrick Gardner, Florida Department of Revenue
- Betsy Chance, Department of State
- Josh Register, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Dianne Screws, Florida Department of Citrus
- Loren Lowers, Florida Lottery
- Tyler Nolen, Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council
- Leroy Marshall, Suwannee River Water Management District (WMD)
- Dave Dickens, St Johns River WMD
- Abby Johnson, St Johns River WMD
- JP Marchand, Southwest Florida WMD
- Terese Power, Southwest Florida WMD
- Dawn Turner, Southwest Florida WMD
- Kawika Bailey, Southwest Florida WMD
- Monique Laham-Pass, South Florida WMD
- Beth McElroy, South Florida WMD
- Hal Grieb, Alachua County
- Dalton Herding, Alachua County
- Alice Rankeillor, Alachua County
- James Williams, Brevard County
- Carolina Alvarez, Brevard County
- Rick Zyvoloski, Collier County
- Brian Newhouse, DeSoto County
- Noah Ray, Duval County
- Laura Nelson, Flagler County
- Michael Orlando, Flagler County
- April McQuaig, Hardee County
- Jill Newman, Hardee County
- Janet Papinaw, Hendry County
- Angela Barton, Hillsborough County
- Joe Mastandrea, Hillsborough County
- Christina Hummel, Hillsborough County
- Margaret Levings, Florida Department of Health/Jefferson County
- Paula Carroll, Jefferson County
- Britton Holdaway, Lee County
- David Massey, Lee County
- Lee Mayfield, Lee County
- Tristan Morath, Manatee County
- Nicole Knapp, Manatee County
• Kenneth Odom, Marion County
• Michele Jones, Martin County
• Lisa Poziomek, Martin County
• Jane Gilbert, Miami Dade County
• Elliot Kampert, Okaloosa County
• Bill Litton, Osceola County
• Joe Mercurio, Palm Beach County
• Ian Eppig, Pasco County
• Smita Ambadi, Pinellas County
• Joe Borries, Pinellas County
• Clayton Parrott, Pinellas County
• Carol Jeffers, Florida Department of Health/Sarasota County
• Ed McCrane, Sarasota County
• Kathryn Valentine, Seminole County
• Kelly Wilson, St Johns County
• Karen Shaw, Washington County
• Krysten Bennett, Langton Consulting
• Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy
• Cathy Foerster, Applied TM
• Caraly Foreman, CDR Maguire
• Gail Leek, The Management Experts
• Dan Meeroff, Florida Atlantic University
• Wes Marsh, Brooks Rehabilitation
• Eve Rainey, Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA)
• Sandra Woodbery, Rebuild NWFL
• Chris Zambito, Atkins Global
• Michelle Hershel, Florida Electric Cooperative Association
• Rob Vieia, UCF Florida Solar Energy Center
• Cynthia Nurmi, US DOT
• Darlene Booker, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)