This presentation is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Please refer to the Florida Division of Emergency Management’s website and FEMA’s HMA Unified Guidance for more detailed information.
HMGP Applicant Outreach Conference Call

State of Florida
Division of Emergency Management
TS Debby Situational Update

- Declared July 3, 2012
- HMGP funding has been authorized
- Deadlines will be presented in NOFA
- Declared Counties
County Allocation: Three-Tiered Funding System

- FEMA provides state with initial HMGP funding amount
- Directed by 27P–22, F.A.C.
- State determines County allocations which is based on the prorated share of federal disaster funds spent in their county
  - Public Assistance (PA)
  - Individual Assistance (IA)
  - Small Business Administration (SBA)
- State publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which contains allocations of all designated counties
County Allocation:
Three-Tiered Funding System (cont’d)

- **Tier One**
  - Initial allocation of submitted and eligible projects will be funded in order of priority as endorsed by the LMS Working Group

- **Tier Two**
  - Any allocation remaining after all eligible projects in any designated county are funded will go to another designated county Working Group with a partially funded project contained in original submission. The order of priority for Tier Two will begin with the designated county with the lowest initial allocation

- **Tier Three**
  - If funds remain after the Tier Two funding process, the un-obligated funds will be provided to any applicant statewide with a project application submitted within the application period.
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

- Program Purpose – provide funds to States, territories, Indian Tribal governments, and communities to significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards

- Funds are used to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration
Program Funding

- HMGP is a cost-reimbursement grant program
  - All approved eligible project costs are financed by the subgrantee with reimbursement requested through the State

- FEMA may fund up to 75% of the eligible costs of each project

- Project Cost-Share
  - The applicant must provide a 25% match, which can be fashioned from a combination of cash and in-kind sources (44CFR 206.432(c)), and project (global) match
HMGP Process

- Notice of Funding Availability
- Applicant Briefings
- LMS Working Group submits priority list to state
- Applications submitted to state for eligibility review
- State conducts project reviews
- State submits eligible projects to FEMA for final approval and potential funding consideration
- Upon FEMA approval, State begins the project/grant management process
Minimum Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant’s jurisdiction must have a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan as a condition of receiving a project grant

- All jurisdictions included in multi-jurisdictional plan must have formally adopted their respective Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)

- Please refer to HMA Unified Guidance for more details: http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4225
Project Eligibility Criteria

All mitigation measures submitted to the state for funding consideration must:

- Be consistent with the State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Be prioritized and endorsed by the LMS Working Group
- Solve or at the very least address a problem
- Be technically feasible and meet cost effectiveness and environmental conformity
- The measure must identify a non-federal match
Eligible Activity Examples

- Property Acquisition/Demolition
- Structure Elevation
- Structural Retrofits
- Non-Structural Retrofits
- Safe-Rooms
- Infrastructure Retrofits
- Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures
- Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects
Ineligible Activities

- Generators
- Communications equipment
- Warning systems
- New construction
- Potable water supply
- Studies only
- Sewage extensions in undeveloped areas
- Project for which work commences prior to awarding of grant
- Emergency pumps
HMGP Application Process

- Use the HMGP Application Checklist as a guide for completing the application
- Make sure the disaster is identified (FEMA–4068–DR–FL)
- The descriptive project title i.e., Leon County Emergency Operations Center Wind Retrofit Project
- Ensure all necessary documents are included
Project Approval Process: Time Frame and Expectations

- State submits local applications to FEMA up to 12 months after the disaster declaration. However, it is necessary that COMPLETE applications be submitted to the State before the deadline stated in the NOFA.

- FEMA’s goal is to obligate all funds within 24 months of disaster declaration.
Role of the Applicant

- Develop and submit eligible and complete project applications (original and 3 copies) by deadline stated in NOFA
- Perform project in accordance with approved scope of work in a timely fashion
- Manage project and funds received
- Submit quarterly reports to State (due no later than the 15th of the month after quarter end)
- Audit projects in accordance with 44 CFR Part 14
Other Mitigation Funding Programs

‣ Available annually (if appropriated by Congress)
‣ Pre–Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
‣ Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
‣ Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
‣ Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)

‣ Residential Construction Mitigation Program (RCMP)
  ‣ (State run, has different requirements)
Question & Answer