Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Applicant’s Briefing DR-4400-GA
GEMA/HS Mission

To facilitate the protection of life and property against man-made and natural disasters by directing the state’s efforts in the areas of prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.
Workshop Agenda

• Introduction of Staff and Attendees

• HMGP Application Information
  • Program Overview
  • Available Funds
  • Priority
  • Application Process and Schedule
Let’s Get Started

• Introductions

• Please Include
  • Name
  • Community
  • Agency
  • Project Interest

• Sign In Sheet

• Handouts
Impacts of Hurricane Michael

- Damages primarily to Roads, Buildings, EMCs
- $2.3 – $2.8 Billion in damages to agriculture
- >450 thousand without power
- 3 Fatalities
- $350 million is estimated in uninsured losses
The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration.

The HMGP is authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Since 1990, the HMGP has provided funds to Georgia to invest in long-term actions that reduce damages from future natural hazards.
Objectives of the HMGP

• Significantly reduce or eliminate future risk to lives and property from severe natural hazards

• Provide funds to implement projects identified in State or local hazard mitigation plans

• Enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster
404 Hazard Mitigation Funds

• 404 Hazard Mitigation funds are utilized for reducing future damages

• 406 Public Assistance funds are utilized for repairing damages caused by declared disaster

• Any government owned properties or structures damaged during Hurricane Michael cannot be awarded under Hazard Mitigation and should apply for Public Assistance funds.
How Much Money is Available for DR4400?

HMGP funds based on federal funds spent on Public and Individual Assistance programs (less administrative expenses)

- Georgia receives 20% of the total estimated Stafford Act Disaster Assistance
  - State of Georgia Enhanced Mitigation Plan provides for 20% HMGP funding (33% increase)

- Cost Share is 75% federal/25% non-federal
  - State will provide 10% of eligible costs for IA/PA declared counties only

- Will use up to 7% of allocation for planning, up to 5% for initiative, and remainder for projects.

- Current Estimate at $57.3 million Federal Share
  - Initiative - $2.86 million
  - Planning - $4 million
  - Projects - $50.44 million
DR-4400 Funding Priorities

• Utilize 5% initiative to support warning and communication improvements and state wide generator initiative
  • Equipment and systems for the purpose of warning residents of impending severe weather and hazard events
    • Priority given to mass alert systems

• Utilize planning funds (up to 7% of allocation) to update mitigation plans

• Utilize project funds (up to 88% of allocation) for mitigation activities that reduce or eliminate damages from high winds and flooding.
 Counties with approved Hazard Mitigation Plans
  1. Declared for both IA and PA (20 counties)
  2. Declared for PA only (49 counties)
  3. All Non-Declared counties

 Prioritization for Project Grants
  1. Generators for essential facilities (Water and Wastewater systems and medical facilities have priority)
  2. Flood and wind mitigation activities
Declared Counties

Hurricane Michael - FEMA-4400-DR-GA - Designated Counties & Divisions - 11/19/2018

Data Layer/Map Description:
This map depicts counties designated for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in the State of Georgia and Divisions.

Division (white boundary)
- GA Homeland Security Division
- Public Assistance Only
  (Categories A-G) (49)
- Individual Assistance and Public Assistance
  (Categories A-G) (20)
- Undesignated Counties (90)

All counties in the State of Georgia are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Initial Declaration: 10/14/2018
Disaster Federal Register Notice Amendment #4: 11/15/2018

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What Type of Projects Can be Funded?

- **Eligible Project Types**
  - Voluntary property acquisition and structure demolition or relocation*
  - Structure Elevation*
  - Mitigation Reconstruction
  - Dry Floodproofing (Historic/Non-Residential)
  - Generators for Critical Facilities*
  - Flood Risk Reduction Projects
  - Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities
  - Safe room construction*
  - Infrastructure Retrofit
  - Soil Stabilization
  - Wildfire Mitigation
  - Initiative Projects*
  - State and Local plan updates*

*Indicates projects that are prioritized for DR4400
Applicant’s Role (Subrecipient)

Pre-Award:
• Develops, adopts and updates local mitigation plan
• Submits HMGP Pre-Application/Application to GEMA/HS

Post-Award:
• Implements project and maintains records and accounting information on awarded projects for three (3) years
• Ensures all project costs are reasonable and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements governing the use of federal funds
• Complies with all Local, State and Federal Procurement Procedures
  • 2CFR Part 200 (Code of Federal Regulations)
• Complies with all award requirements
• Complies with three (3) year post Acquisition requirements
  • Open Space Monitoring and Audits
Manages overall program within Georgia

- Update the State Mitigation Plan
- Establish mitigation priorities for the disaster
- Solicit Program Interest
- Provide technical assistance to applicants to complete applications
- Review, submit and manage applications to FEMA
- Keep Subrecipients updated on status of all applications to FEMA
- Ensure subrecipients adhere to all program and administrative requirements
- Receive and disburse funds and monitor progress of awarded projects
- Evaluate the effectiveness of approved projects
FEMA’s Role (Federal Awarding Agency)

- Provide programmatic oversight of the HMGP
- Keep Georgia appraised of available funding
- Provide technical assistance to GEMA/HS in support of developing eligible HMGP projects
- Conduct final eligibility review and approve applications for funding
  - Can take up to 12 months to complete review process
Who is Eligible to Apply?

• Government Entities
  • State and local

• Private Non-Profit Organizations
  • Must have IRS Tax Exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e)

• Individuals and business may not apply directly, but eligible local governments or private non-profit organizations may apply on their behalf
Project Eligibility Criteria

- Localities must have current FEMA approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan prior to HMGP funds being awarded
- Consistent with state and local mitigation plans
- Project(s) must be identified in local mitigation plan
- Project must comply with all FEMA program regulations
- Conforms with environmental, historical, and economic justice issues
- Provides a long-term solution for the community
- Applicant must participate in NFIP and be in good standing
- Demonstrates cost-effectiveness
  - GEMA/HS staff assists with cost-effectiveness
• October 14, 2018– Disaster Declaration (HMGP Statewide)
• July 31, 2019– Pre-Application due to GEMA/HS
• August 30, 2019 – GEMA/HS Notification to Applicant for Full Application
• October 31, 2019 – Full Application due to GEMA/HS
• January 10, 2020– All Applications submitted to FEMA
• FEMA Application Review Process (up to 12 months)
HMGP Plan Update Grant Process

- Any county requiring a plan update in 2022 has already received an application.
- Declared counties expiring in 2023 will receive an application from their Hazard Mitigation Planner.
  - Pre-application not required
  - Expect application by July 1, 2019
  - Completed application by August 30, 2019
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From Applicant (Subrecipient):

- Determine preferred project type(s)
  - Project identified in your Local Hazard Mitigation Plan?
- Complete Pre-Application Template
  - Contact Risk Reduction Specialist or visit GEMA/HS Website
- Submit COMPLETED Pre-Application to GEMA/HS by March 1, 2019

From GEMA/HS (Recipient & Pass Through):

- Conduct Benefit Cost Analysis
  - Initiative, planning, and SD projects are exempt from BCA
  - If BCA greater than 1.0, full application development may be recommended
Generators/Transfer Switches

- For Critical Facilities
  - Police Stations, Fire Stations, Water/Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Hospital, Electrical Facility, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), etc.
- Location to determine if in Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
  - Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
  - Must comply with EO 11988
  - If in SFHA, generator/transfer switch must be elevated to 500 year flood elevation
- Power Outage History
  - Must have minimum of three years weather related outage data
- Generator Data Sheet to be filled out by Certified Electrician
- EHP Coordination with State and Federal Environmental Agencies
- BCA > 1.0 for Cost Effectiveness
What You Need to Know

Property Acquisition/Elevation:
• Flood History of Property with all Flood Insurance Claims
• Substantial damage determination (if applicable)
• Location to determine if in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
  • Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
• Interest of Voluntary Participation Form signed by Homeowner
• EHP Coordination with State and Federal Environmental Agencies
• Structure Specific Information
  • Building Foundation Type, Use of Building, Square Footage, Building Replacement Value, First Flood Elevation (FFE)

Initiative
• Includes Warning Sirens, Mass Alert Systems, Weather Radios and Transfer Switches
• Warning and Communication for the Public, Internal Communication not allowable
• Storm History of desired project area
• Location to determine if in Special Flood Hazard Area (Warning Sirens and Transfer Switches only)
  • Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
• EHP Coordination with State and Federal Environmental Agencies
What You Need to Know

Community Safe Room:
- Must comply with FEMA P-361 Community Safe Room Guidance
- Location to determine if in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
  - Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- Population that will utilize Safe Room
  - Must be sized for population within ½ mile of Safe Room
    - 5 sf/occupant
  - Predominant structure types within ½ mile of Safe Room
- EHP Coordination with State and Federal Environmental Agencies
What You Need to Know

Wildfire Projects BCA Information

- For Reforestation and Soil Stabilization Projects
  - Number of Acres Mitigated
- For Defensible Space, Hazardous Fuel Reduction, Ignition Resistant Construction
  - Number of buildings protected
  - Replacement value of buildings protected
  - Value of infrastructure vulnerable to fire in project area
  - Value of timber to be sold in project area
  - Fire suppression costs for one typical fire event within project area
  - Number of residents who live within the project area
- BCA > 1.0 for Cost Effectiveness
- Operations and Maintenance Plan required
- Duplication of Programs must be avoided
Next Steps

- Determine Eligible Projects for your Community
- Work with EMA Director and Local Officials
- Consult your Risk Reduction Specialist or Planning Specialist
- Review Project Checklist
- Submit Pre-Application by July 31, 2019
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