Planning and Funding Opportunities

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Agenda

- What is Hazard Mitigation Planning?
- Why should we have a plan?
- What type of funding is available?
Mitigation Planning is...

A process for States and Communities to identify policies, activities and tools to in order to implement mitigation actions.

Planning is important...

- Promotes the safety & welfare of communities and citizens.
- Provides awareness to your vulnerability.
- Shows the Communities' commitment to mitigation.
- The lack of a mitigation awareness or mitigation plan could lead to unnecessary losses to infrastructure and critical facilities.
Mitigation Planning is... (cont.)

- Identify actions for risk reduction agreed upon by stakeholders and public
- Focus resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities
- Build Partnerships – businesses, organizations, and citizens
- Increase education and awareness
- Tool to communicate priorities to local, state, and federal officials
- Align risk reduction with other community objectives, i.e. Community Rating System (CRS)
...why mitigation?

“As a local official, you have been given the responsibility and legal right to manage coastal and inland floodplains.” – Stormsmart Coasts Fact Sheet 2
What is in a Mitigation Plan?

- Description of planning process
- Risk Assessment
  - Assessment of critical assets/facilities
  - Estimation of losses
- Goals and Actions to Mitigation Hazards
- Implementation
Risk Assessment is the process of measuring the potential loss of life, personal injury, economic loss, and property damage resulting from hazards and the likelihood of future occurrences.

Step 1: Identify and Profile Hazards.
Step 2: Inventory Community Assets.
Step 3: Analyze Risk - Estimate Losses.
Step 4: Summarize Vulnerability.
Summarize Vulnerability

• Impact or consequences or effect on a community and its assets.
• Should be more than just a list, but rather key issues or problem statements that clearly describe the greatest vulnerabilities that will be connected in the mitigation strategy.
Above: Eastern States Exposition
Right: Woods Hole Rail
From Planning to Implementation...
State and Federal Funding

- MassDEP
  - 604b Grant Program Water Quality Management Planning
  - State Revolving Fund Program
- Coastal Zone Management
  - Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) Grant Program
  - MassBays and Buzzards Bay NEPs
  - Climate Resiliency
- Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
  - Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program
  - Mass Environmental Trust, Div. of Conservation Services
  - Div. of Ecological Restoration
- Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED)
  - MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Where to look?

- State Hazard Mitigation Plan provides an overview of funding
- Commbuys
- Agency Websites
- Other places?
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- Greenhouse gas emissions regulations
- Climate Adaptation Plan
  - State and local level
  - Working w/existing Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Coordinators
  Appointed by each Secretariat to improve delivery of programs
FEMA Mitigation Grants

• The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs are co-administered by MEMA and DCR
• Check the “Mitigation Program” and “Grants” sections of the MEMA website for more information (under the “Resources for Public Officials” drop-down menu)

http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/resources/mitigation/

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Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)

• Nationally competitive grant program
• PDM funds available for all-hazard mitigation projects (flood, wind, seismic, Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities, etc.) and planning
• $90,000,000 available nationwide
• Private Non-Profit organizations are not eligible for PDM grants
• There is a 25% non-federal cost share required on all grant awards
• Each state is limited to a total of 18 sub-applications (of the 18, no more than 8 sub-applications for projects)
• $4,000,000 limit on project budgets (Federal share)
• 36-month maximum period of performance
• Application deadline is May 25, 2016 at 3:00PM
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

- Nationally competitive grant program
- The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act (NFIRA) of 1994 with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the NFIP
- $199,000,000 available nationwide
- Private Non-Profit organizations are **not** eligible for FMA grants
- There is the possibility for a federal share greater than 75% (RL & SRL)
- FMA funds available for “flood related” hazards only – with an emphasis on Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss Properties
- 36-month maximum period of performance
- Application deadline is **May 25, 2016 at 3:00PM**
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-CLOSED

• Available only After a Presidential (aka Federally Declared) Disaster
• Available Statewide – not just in declared counties
• Available for ‘all-hazard’ mitigation projects (flood, wind, etc.) and planning;
• There is no minimum or maximum project/planning grant award amount
• There is a 25% non federal match required on all grant awards

• Certain Private Non-Profit organizations are eligible for HMGP grants
• Authorized by Section 404 of Stafford Act
• 36-month maximum period of performance
• Application period is currently CLOSED for HMGP
Moving in the Right Direction