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MEMORANDUM

To: Commonwealth of Virginia localities developing an all-hazard mitigation plan

From: Michelle Pope
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Re: Mitigation Planning Guidance #3:
Links to currently approved mitigation plans
Resources for identifying potential funding sources for mitigation projects.

As Commonwealth of Virginia localities work on their mitigation plans, questions have been raised about the general content and format of an approvable mitigation plan. The first section below provides links to mitigation plans already approved by FEMA. The second section provides information on resources available to identify potential funding sources for the mitigation projects identified in each local mitigation plan.

1. Links to FEMA-Approved Mitigation Plans:

Listed below are several links to websites with local mitigation plans that already have been approved by FEMA. While VDEM is working on general content guidelines for local mitigation plans, in the interim the plans listed below can provide examples of format and content that has met with FEMA approval.

- a. Clackamas County, Oregon; this was the first mitigation plan in U.S. approved by FEMA:
<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/emergency/hmp.htm>
- b. Nome, Alaska; this was the second mitigation plan approved by FEMA:
<http://www.ak-prepared.com/plans/mitigation/localhazmitplan.htm>
- c. Jefferson County, West Virginia:
<http://170.215.149.18/risk%20assess%20final%20draft.html>
- d. Two FEMA-approved local plans from North Carolina:
http://www.ncem.org/mitigation/example_plans.htm#approvedplans

2. Potential Mitigation Project Funding Sources and other Funding Guidance Documents:

There is no word yet on whether the state government will be able to provide a portion of the non-federal cost share to support the local mitigation planning efforts. However, in the meantime, there are three websites with additional funding

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information that could be searched either for funds to support this planning process (other than HMGP or PDM funding), or for grant programs to support the mitigation projects developed during your mitigation plan development. These sites are:

- a. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance; an online searchable database of federal grant programs, located at <http://www.cfda.gov/default.htm>
- b. This link from North Carolina will take you to a PDF file of all the information found in the CFDA website: <http://www.ncem.org/mitigation/additional-funding.htm>
- c. This link is from Florida and includes a comprehensive web-based catalog of state (Florida) and federal funding sources. Some of the state resources might be useful as indicators of where to look in Virginia's government for similar funding. <http://www.flris.org>

South Carolina also has produced a short spreadsheet of other, non-federal, non-state funding sources that are available for various types of projects. A copy of this spreadsheet is attached to this memo. There may be other similar, non-federal sources available to use in support of your proposed mitigation projects. VDEM requests that as you identify other similar grant programs as potential funding sources for your mitigation projects that you also include in your plan the complete contact information for those programs so that VDEM eventually may compile a more complete list of these funding sources for distribution and use throughout the Commonwealth.

With regard to guidance materials describing allowable local in-kind contributions, the Code of Federal Regulations provides the best reference (see *44 CFR Part 13.24*). FEMA also has produced a policy statement on Donated Resources and in-kind contributions that may be found online at http://www.fema.gov/rrr/pa/9525_2.shtm.

Attachments: South Carolina list of non-federal, non-state grant opportunities

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