

State Mitigation Team Meeting Report
October 19, 2006
FEMA-DR-1651 Pre Application Review and Scoring

The State Mitigation Team met Thursday, October 19, 2006, to score 1651 pre applications. The following team members and mitigation staff were in attendance: Chad Berginnis– OEMA, Cindy Crecelius – ODNR, Steve Ferryman – ODNR, Karen Fabiano – ODOD, Stephen Porter – US Army Corp of Engineers Huntington District, Laura Ortiz – US Army Corp of Engineers Buffalo District, Heidi Nachman – FEMA Region V, Tambrett Phillips, FEMA Region V, Kay Phillips – OEMA, Greg Bosko - OEMA, *Beth Nevel – Clermont County EMA Director (EMAO Representative), Rick Warren – OEMA, Drew Whitehair – OEMA, Linda Haller – OEMA, Sharon Rolf – OEMA, Ramona Hauenstein – OEMA

*Beth Nevel attended in the place of Buck Adams, Medina County EMA Director, EMAO Representative

After opening remarks by Sima Merick, Director Grants Division and introductions the following handouts were distributed to team members:

- Meeting Agenda
- 1651 Administrative Plan
- Hazard Mitigation Desk Reference, Section 7: Project Eligibility
- State Mitigation Team minutes from February 22, 2006 meeting
- DR 1651 HMGP pre application scoring sheet and instructions
- Map of declared counties for FEMA-DR-1651-OH

The minutes from the February 22, 2006 State Team Meeting were reviewed. No comments from team members.

The status of disasters 1519, 1556 and 1580 were reviewed by CMB.

- 1519 – All projects are approved or in the approval chain at FEMA and moving into project implementation stage. Some projects were moved from 1556 and 1580 disasters to ensure spending 1519 funding.
- 1556 – Deadline for obligation of funds is December 19, 2006. Projects need to be to FEMA 30 days prior to deadline. BC analysis was reviewed. Ohio EMA contracted with USGS to develop flood data to complete the benefit cost analysis. This information is pending.

- 1580 – Deadline for obligation of funds is mid February 2007. Ohio EMA may have to ask to an extension to allow time for USGS to develop flood data.

CMB stressed the need to day-to-day floodplain management and working with communities who do not currently practice good floodplain management.

The team requested information on what communities received funding for disasters 1519, 1556 and 1580.

ACTION ITEM: Team members are to receive information on approved projects for 1519, 1556 and 1580.

The Mitigation branch is also reviewing unfunded Pre Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDMC) projects for consideration of HMGP funding.

CMB reviewed the Mitigation briefing power point presentation used for HMGP declared events.

ACTION ITEM: Replace photograph of elevated structure in power point presentation.

The status of Ohio planning was reviewed. The Ohio enhanced plan will provide 20% funding for 1651 and 1656. 87 out of 88 counties are working on a plan or have an approved plan. Adams County is the remaining county that is not working on an All Hazards Mitigation Plan and will receive funding from DR 1651 - 7% planning funds to complete a plan. The team was in agreement to allocate these funds for Adams County.

FEMA-DR-1651-OH

- Declared July 2, 2006; Individual Assistance Only, 6 Counties; Lucas, Sandusky, Erie, Huron, Cuyahoga and Stark
- The 90 day estimate for FEMA-DR-1651-OH is \$2,105,430.00
- 25 pre applications were received for a total of \$15,191,356.00
- Projects will be developed to 150% of total grant amount to ensure funds can be awarded and expended.

- It has not be determined if the State of Ohio will provide matching funds for DR-1651. A request for state funding will be forwarded to the Governor's office through OEMA.
- As requested previously by team members, 5% projects were not scored by the team.

The following pre-applications submitted under FEMA-DR-1651 were reviewed and ranked:

1. City of Brecksville, Cuyahoga County; public golf course, no approved plan. **Avg Score: 71.3, Rank #5**
2. City of Parma, Cuyahoga County, project is located in floodway. **Avg Score: 39.9, Rank #11**
3. City of Bedford, Cuyahoga County; REIMBURSEMENT – NOT ELIGIBLE **Avg Score: 0, Rank #18**
4. City of North Royalton, Cuyahoga County; project will alleviate sewer back up, not in mapped area, storm water construction has not kept up with rate of development, flooding was isolated, NFIP score is 75. **Avg Score: 65.0, Rank #6**
5. Liberty Township, Fairfield County; does not appear to be eligible project – NO SCORE **Avg Score: 0, Rank #19**
6. Plain Township, Franklin County; project is consistent with plan, plan not approved to date, cost effectiveness questioned, business downtown can be used in benefit cost analysis. **Avg Score: 15.5, Rank #14**
7. Village of New London, Huron County; plan is approved, upgrading to 24" tile, dredging portion of project not eligible, ODOD is looking for project to spend \$300,000.00 in funding, flooding effects approximately 150 residents, the Village did not show this damage to Public Assistance during assessment. **Avg Score: 50.1, Rank #8**
8. City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ap 1; study is being conducted, scope of work not defined pending study outcome. **Avg Score: 43.3, Rank #10**
9. City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ap 3; study is being conducted, scope of work not defined pending study outcome. **Avg Score: 45.2, Rank #9**
10. City of Akron, Summit County, Ap 1; plan not adopted, pre application does not list damages, concerns expressed about management of prior grant funding. **Avg Score: 14.10, Rank #15**
11. City of Akron, Summit County, Ap 2; plan not adopted, pre application does not list damages, concerns expressed based upon management of prior grant funding. **Avg Score: 9.2, Rank #17**
12. City of Akron, Summit County, Ap 3; plan not adopted, pre application does not list damages, concerns expressed based upon management of prior grant funding. **Avg Score: 10.9, Rank #16**
13. Mesopotamia Township, Trumbull County; Bridgen Road only route for 14 residents, helicopter rescue needed during flood events, team member recommends raising higher than 12" as indicated in pre application, cost was questioned – seems low. **Avg Score: 53.0, Rank #7**

14. City of Girard, Trumbull County; no damages provided in pre application, basement flooding, NFIP score of 90, possible CDBG funds available for match. **Avg Score: 22.8, Rank #13**
15. Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County; create division ditch to protect school sports complex and Elliott Allotment, Modified cost estimate: \$58,000.00 plus additional \$33,000.00. **Avg Score 32.8, Rank #12**
16. Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County; pre application pulled, applied for 1656 public assistance funds – NO SCORE. **Avg Score: 0, Rank #20**
17. City of Valley View, Cuyahoga County; possible recommendation to reduce scope of work, skepticism on combination of elevation/floodwall method. ICC mitigation currently in process in community, US Corp study has determined positive BC ratio. **Avg Score 71.5 Rank #4**
18. City of Norwalk, Huron County, Ap 2; PDA identified the 3 structures as “Majors” **Avg Score: 90.3 Rank #3**
19. City of Toledo, Lucas County; plan is approved, substantial damage reports conflict with damage amounts, 6 of 7 structures have flood insurance. **Avg Score: 95.4 Rank #2**
20. City of Louisville, Stark County; pre application environmental issues checked yes and no, US Corp has a project is Louisville – good community to work with. **Avg Score: 98.0 Rank #1**
21. Adams County Planning Grant; 7% Project - APPROVED FOR FUNDING – NO SCORE
22. Friends of Pipe Creek Watershed, Erie County; 7% Project - NO SCORE
23. Hubbard Township, Trumbull; Dam study – 7% Project - NOT ELIGIBLE – NO SCORE
24. Delaware County EMA; 5% Project – NOAA – NO SCORE
25. Huron County EMA; 5% Project – Install generator – NO SCORE

ACTION ITEM: Send scores to team members.

It was recommended to steer applicants not selected to other funding sources.

Team members expressed difficulty scoring if community had staffing and expertise to administer the grant based on the information in the pre application. This is why the Mitigation staff provides additional information during team review. Team members can adjust their score if necessary.

The team will need to meet in November or December to review and score DR-1656 pre applications. The team members were asked to email CMB with potential dates. The first week in December was mentioned as best option.

ACTION ITEM: Send 1656 pre application packets to team members.

PARKING LOT ISSUES:

- Storm water projects – How does the team deal with projects under findings and orders? CDBG funding can be utilized for these – maybe put on questionnaire or pre-application
- We need a strategy that says 406 mitigation will be better integrated and addressed