

**State Mitigation Team Meeting Report
December 6, 2006
FEMA-DR-1656 Pre Application Review and Scoring**

The State Mitigation Team met Wednesday, December 6, 2006, to score 1656 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, Nancy Olson – FEMA Region V, Brigitte Bouska – OEMA, Greg Bosko - OEMA, Buck Adams – Medina County EMA Director (EMAO Representative), Todd Koah – OEMA, Drew Whitehair – OEMA, Rachael Evans – OEMA, Sharon Rolf – OEMA

Opening remarks by Chad Berginnis and Sima Merick, Director Grants Division:

- The top 5 pre applications for DR 1651 have been notified they have been selected to develop a full application for DR 1651. Additional project development is on hold pending response from the Governor's office regarding a state match to federal DR 1651 funding.
- CMB reviewed history of state match to HMGP disasters. 10 disasters have been matched dollar for dollar.
- The full application for project development has been revised. The team was asked if they would like to receive an electronic copy. No response.

ACTION ITEM: Follow up on sending full project HMGP application to team members.

FEMA-DR-1656-OH

- Declared August 1, 2006; Individual Assistance/Public Assistance, 3 Counties; Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake.
- The 90 day estimate for FEMA-DR-1651-OH is approximately 3.9 million.
- 30 pre applications were received for a total of \$18,166,108.00.
- 23 pre applications were sent to team members for review. (The remaining 7 projects are 5% projects not reviewed by team members.)
- While projects selected for development are usually up to 150% of total estimated disaster amount to ensure funds can be awarded and expended, it

may be decided to go beyond 150% due to the total project amount of the top 2 projects (Painesville) and the voluntary issues with the acquisition of condominiums.

- It has not be determined if the State of Ohio will provide matching funds for DR-1656. A request for state funding will be forwarded to the Governor's office through OEMA.
- Steve Ferryman advised all 23 applicants for DR 1656 are participating in the NFIP, none in CRS or CTP.
- Ineligible projects were not pulled from the pre application packets sent to team members as planned. This will be done in the future.
- Demolition/Rebuild is a "pilot program" and not eligible for HMGP funds at this time.

The following pre-applications submitted under FEMA-DR-1656 were reviewed and ranked:

1. Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County; WITHDRAWN – funded through PA. **Avg Score: 0, Rank # --**
2. Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Approved plan, project not addressed in plan, would need to update plan. Project was reviewed for DR 1651 funding. **Avg Score: 52.6 , Rank #11**
3. Village of Jefferson, Ashtabula County; NOT ELIGIBLE **Avg Score: 0, Rank # --**
4. Village of Rock Creek, Ashtabula County; Plan is approved pending adoption, team concerned if proposed project solves the problem. **Avg Score: 48.2 , Rank #13**
5. City of Ashtabula, Ashtabula County; Plan approved pending adoption. No comments or questions by team members. **Avg Score: 38.1, Rank #17**
6. City of Brecksville, Cuyahoga County; Plan is pending updates. Team was advised the City of Brecksville was selected as 1 of top 5 for project development for DR 1651 for possible \$1 Million dollar project. **Avg Score: 50.5 , Rank #12**
7. Liberty Township, Fairfield County; Plan is approved pending adoption. Project reviewed for DR 1651 funding. Does not appear to be cost effective. No comments or questions by team members. **Avg Score: 20, Rank #20**
8. Village of Fairport Harbor, Lake County; Approved plan. Pre application completed by contractor – CT Consultants. Is application for project or study? **Avg Score: 48.1 , Rank #14**
9. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 1; Approved plan, project listed as a goal. Team asked if upsizing culvert could be funded by PA – was not damaged in declared event. Mentor Marsh contamination concerns. **Avg Score: 59.6 , Rank #6**
10. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 2; Approved plan, team asked if there was any threat of flooding to nearby sewage station –not mentioned in pre application. **Avg Score: 59.5, Rank #7**
11. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 3; Approved plan, team member asked if HMGP grant funds can be used for this type of mitigation- improvements for private property (daycare center): Yes. Team member advised children at daycare must be evacuated on regular basis due to the flooding. Team member asked if

landscape mounds and drainage swells is the best solution to solve the problem?
Avg Score: 54.9 , Rank #9

12. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 4; Approved plan, reported damages of 1.4 million are cumulative., mitigation measures would protect 85 residential structures in Bellflower Rd/Jeremy Avenue area. **Avg Score: 59.2 , Rank #8**
13. City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County, Ap 1; Approved plan, team member advised PA mitigation project to protect fire department was not approved by FEMA. Pre application was not complete. **Avg Score: 42.5, Rank 16**
14. City of Willoughby Hills, Lake County, Ap 2; Approved plan, Incomplete application, proposed project site not defined. **Avg Score: 32.2 , Rank #18**
15. Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County; Approved plan, community is very active in implementation of higher standards for floodplain regulations. Buck Adams, Director, Medina County EMA abstained from scoring. **Avg Score: 24.6, Rank #19**
16. Village of Valleyview, Cuyahoga County; Plan in draft form, project was submitted for possible funding under DR 1651 and was selected as 1 of top 5 projects for development not to exceed 1Million in federal share. Substantial damage determinations were completed, some residents are pursuing ICC, team member reported 3 to 4 feet of water in first floor during IA PDA's. Previous CORP study found the Village is doing what they can to address the flooding – BC of 1 but project did not go forward. **Avg Score: 63.7 , Rank #4**
17. Bainbridge Township, Cuyahoga County; Plan is pending updates, acquisition of 3 residential structures, open space will be used for water management. No questions or comments by team members. **Avg Score: 87.2, Rank #3**
18. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 5; Approved plan, scope of work changed to saferoom shelter for the Mentor Marsh Harbor Area. Team concerns: too close to floodplain, possible contaminated site, cost is high. **Avg Score: 44.7 , Rank #15**
19. City of Mentor, Lake County, Ap 6; WITHDRAWN **Avg Score: 0, Rank --**
20. City of Painesville, Lake County, Ap 1; Approved plan, Condominiums are substantially damaged, does not required benefit cost analysis, residents are displaced, local match concerns – looking at Park District, Clean Ohio, CDBG and General Funds. Team member suggested Clean Water Funds as a possible funding source. Local officials are making the correct NFIP decisions. **Avg Score: 98.8 , Rank #2**
21. City of Plainville, Lake County, Ap 2; Same as pre application #20. **Avg Score: 99.5, Rank #1**
22. Montville Township, Medina County; Approved Plan, acquisition of 2 residential structures, team asked if they were substantially damaged due to high damages reported – No, estimated value of structures are approximately \$250,000.00, one structures in uninhabitable, Township was approved for project development in prior event but withdrew due to local match issue. Buck Adams abstained from scoring. **Avg Score: 61.4 , Rank #5**
23. Scioto Township, Delaware County; Plan is approved pending adoption, no questions or comments by team members. **Avg Score: 54.2 , Rank #10**

ACTION ITEM: Send scores to team members.

Pre Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDMC) Program

- Ohio received conditional approval for 2 projects for PDMC 06 for a total of 1.8 million out of possible 44 million in funding.
- PDMC07 applications are due to Ohio EMA by January 19, 2007.
- PDMC07 applications are due to FEMA Region V by February 7, 2007.
- Heidi Kirkman, FEMA Region V, advised that all PDMC funding must now be obligated by the end of the 3rd quarter/federal fiscal year (July).
- There is no limit for PDMC07 on the number of projects a state can submit. However, the state must rank the projects.
- Is the team available to convene to assist with ranking the PDMC07 applications at the end of January?
- The team members wanted to know if they could receive the applications in advance. Mitigation staff will look into scanning and putting on website.
- It was asked if the state could start the application process sooner for the PDMC program. Yes, planning for PDMC08 application process to begin in August/September with benefit cost training in September.

ACTION ITEM: Schedule State Team Meeting for PDMC07 at the end of January. Provide team members with application information prior to meeting.

PARKING LOT ISSUES:

- None