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FEMA Awards \$1,292,805 Grant to the Village of Valley View for Acquisitions and Elevations

Pre-disaster mitigation funds will be used to mitigate 10 flood-prone homes

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$1,292,805 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to the village of Valley View, Ohio, for the mitigation of 10 flood-prone residential structures in the floodplain of the Cuyahoga River. Four of the structures will be acquired and demolished, and six will be elevated so the first floor is two feet above the base flood elevation of the river’s floodplain.

“The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property,” said Janet M. Odeshoo, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region V. “This project will lessen the financial impact on individuals and the community when future flooding occurs in this area.”

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through PDM, FEMA will pay 75 percent of the \$1,723,740 eligible project cost. The remaining 25 percent of the funds, \$430,935, will be provided by the participating homeowners.

“The state of Ohio is pleased to continue our mitigation efforts to Valley View,” said Sima Merick, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. “The PDM funds by FEMA will continue to allow us to remove or elevate flood-prone homes, which will greatly reduce the chance of future damages caused by heavy rains and flooding.”

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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