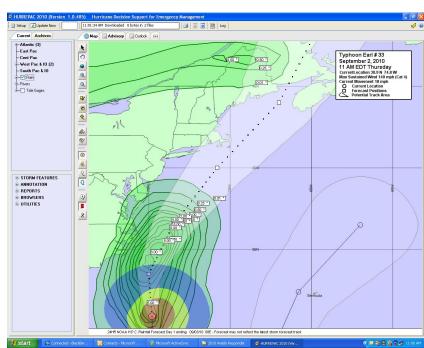
# Workshop in Emergency Management Disaster Recovery





**Local Disaster Recovery** 

# Disaster Recovery

- Definitions
- Disaster Process
- Public Assistance
- Individual Assistance



### **Definitions**

 Public Assistance: aid to public entities (and certain private non-profit) for emergency services and the repair or replacement of disaster damaged public

facilities.



### **Definitions**

 Individual Assistance: aid to individuals and households, including businesses and farms



### **Definitions**

 <u>Disaster Recovery Center</u>: Following a Presidential disaster declaration that includes the Individual Assistance Program, FEMA may open temporary facilities called Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in order to provide direct customer service.



# Initial Damage Assessment

- When the disaster danger has passed, the town EOC should submit a Situation Report that lists out what public infrastructure, major facilities, or utilities have been damaged or impacted.
- Submit a situation report as soon as possible. The initial report can be called in, but follow up with an e-mail, fax, or D4H-IM submission.
- As things change or you gather more information on damages, keep the County EOC updated.
- This initial assessment will help you to prioritize resources and your response.

# Follow on Damage Assessment

- Within 24-72 hours, the town should complete a detailed damage assessment and come up with an estimated cost to repair and the number of homes and businesses damaged.
- Include both public damage and private damage.
- Take a lot of pictures. (Can't stress this enough)
- Fill out a MEMA "Preliminary Damage Assessment" form and send it to the County EMA office.
- The damage assessment forms are needed in order to determine if there was enough damage to get a FEMA disaster declaration.

### Disaster Declaration Process

- DA forms must show sufficient damages to warrant a State of Emergency declaration by the Governor.
- The Governor requests the President authorize a Stafford Act disaster declaration.
- FEMA completes a Preliminary Damage
   Assessment (PDA). FEMA officials may come to your town to validate your damages.
- President may issue a Disaster Declaration. This could take weeks or months.

### Public Assistance

- In order for a County (and its corresponding municipalities) to be eligible for a Public Assistance (PA) declaration, both the County and the State have to reach its PA Damage Threshold.
- This level of damage is estimated during the Damage Assessment Form process and verified during FEMA's Preliminary Damage Assessment or PDA.
- The Thresholds for the County and the State are shown on the next slide.

### Disaster PA Thresholds

•	Androscoggin County	489,012.00
•	Aroostook County	295,262.00
•	Cumberland County	1,333,504.00
•	Franklin County	129,606.00
•	Hancock County	244,103.00
•	Kennebec County	544,025.00
•	Knox County	178,671.00
•	Lincoln County	155,043.00
•	Oxford County	254,219.00
•	Penobscot County	669,676.00
•	Piscataquis County	73,920.00
•	Sagadahoc County	161,476.00
•	Somerset County	222,099.00
•	Waldo County	174,271.00
•	Washington County	136,818.00
•	York County	932,677.00
•	State	2,411,376.43

- Public Assistance Thresholds
- Both the County and State Thresholds must be met
- A disaster involving only one County would need to meet both thresholds
- Otherwise several counties may total to meet the State threshold
- Small Projects \$1,000,000
- Minimum Project \$3,800

# PA Applicant's Briefing

 A meeting conducted by the State to inform prospective applicants of available assistance and eligibility requirements for obtaining Federal assistance under the declared event.

 Help accessing the online FEMA Grants portal is accomplished in order to submit a Request for Public Assistance

Hazard Mitigation Opportunities

### **FEMA Grants Portal**

### **Organization Information**



# PA Eligible Applicants

- State
- Counties
- Cities and Towns
- School Districts
- Private Non-Profits
- Water & Sewer Districts
- Hospitals & Clinics
- Others as defined by law

# PA Cost Eligibility

- Costs reduced by insurance
- Meets Federal, State and local procurement and fiscal requirements
- Use FEMA's Schedule of Equipment Rates for hourly charges on equipment.
- Each individual "project" must be at least \$3,150.00 in size.

# PA Cost Eligibility

- Labor (Force Account)
  - No contingency clauses that payment for labor is subject to Federal funding
  - For emergency work, only overtime work is eligible for "Budgeted" employees.
  - For emergency work, overtime and straight time work is eligible for "Unbudgeted" employees.
  - For permanent work, overtime and straight time work is eligible for all employees.
  - Reassigned employees are considered unbudgeted employees.
  - Contract employees are eligible for all work.

# Types of Work

- Public Assistance
  - Emergency Work
    - Category A Debris Removal
    - Category B Emergency Protective Measures
  - Permanent Work
    - Category C Roads and Bridges
    - Category D Water Control Facilities
    - Category E Buildings and Equipment
    - Category F Utilities
    - Category G Parks, Recreation and Others

# Debris Removal (CAT A)

- Debris removal is eligible when:
  - Eliminates immediate threat to life, health, and safety.
  - Eliminates immediate threat of significant damage to improved property.
  - Ensures economic recovery of the community and provides a benefit for the community-at-large.
  - Mitigates risk to life and property by removing Substantially Damaged structures and associated structures and appurtenances
- Must meet Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance requirements

# Emergency Protective Measures (Cat B)

- Flood fighting
- EOC operations
- Supplies
- Medical Care & Transport
- Evacuation
- Sheltering
- Safety Inspections
- Search & Rescue
- Fire Fighting

- Security
- Use of Generators
- Public Information
- Human remains recovery
- Mass Mortuary
- Some snow-related activities

# Eligible Permanent Work (Cat C-G)

- Must repair, restore or replace disasterdamaged facilities in accordance with regulations
- Must restore to pre-disaster design, capacity and function in accordance with applicable codes and standards
- Must be required as a result of the disaster
- May include cost effective hazard mitigation measures

# Recovery Scoping Meeting

- The first meeting with your FEMA rep.
- Your damages will be discussed, your needs assessed, and a plan of action put in place.
   The FEMA Rep will go over what will be expected of you, and will provide detailed instructions on what to do and how to do it.
  - Federal and State Permitting
  - Engineering Studies
  - Plans and Specs

### The Public Assistance Process

### **Understanding the Public Assistance Process**

State and FEMA work with subrecipient to develop a project. Project is reviewed by Environmental and Historic Preservation, Insurance, and Hazard Mitigation (406)

State reviews the project

FEMA completes Final Review and awards the project State receives Federal Share (75%) funding from FEMA

The state is responsible for the additional 25%

State provides funding to the subrecipient (i.e. Local Community)

Subrecipient has 18 months to complete permanent work

#### Project work is complete

Subrecipient notifies the State when work is complete & requests closeout

State reviews the project

FEMA completes Final Inspection and closes project.

Additional funding is provided by FEMA, if applicable

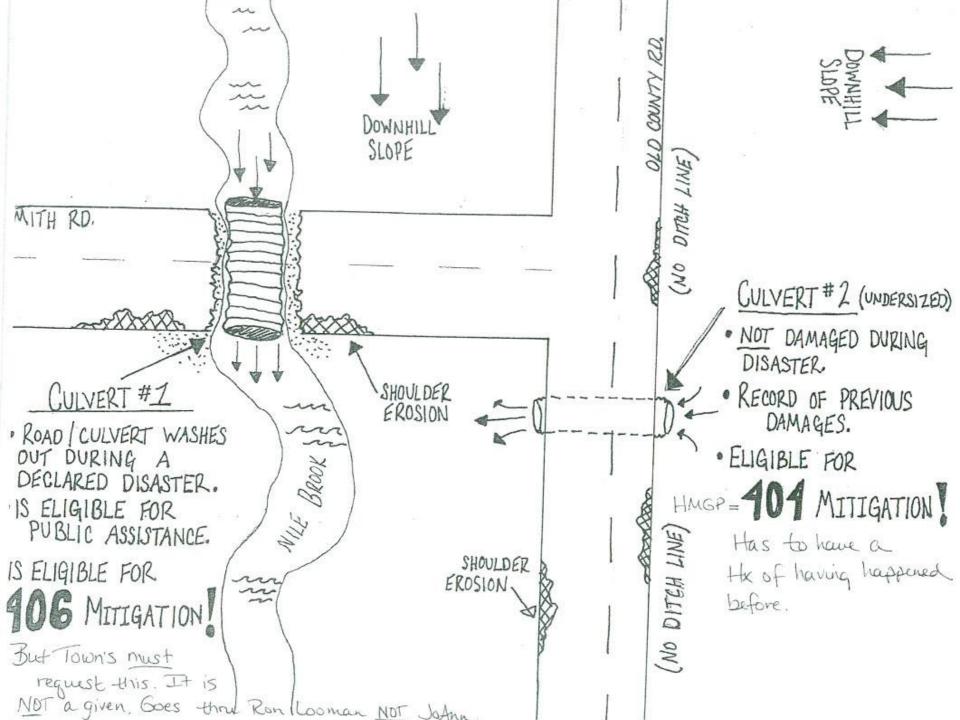
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# Hazard Mitigation

 Cost effective measures that reduce or eliminate the potential for damages to a facility from a future event.

 For a hazard mitigation proposal to be eligible for funding under Public Assistance, the measure must apply only to the damaged elements of the eligible facility or site.



# Project Formulation & Forms

- FEMA Rep will meet with municipal officials
- Typically about 1-2 days of field work (and many days of paperwork, meetings and other frustrations)
- Federal reimbursement is 75%
- State reimbursement is 15%
- Town responsible for 10%.
- Must maintain financial and program records for three years following final payment.

# Paperwork

- FEMA Bureaucracy
  - -FEMA Grant Portal everything is uploaded here
  - -Forms are in hardcopy and spreadsheets
    - Force Account Labor Summary (90-123) personnel costs
    - Materials Summary Record (90-124) supplies/ materials
    - Rented Equipment Summary Record (90-125) rented equipment
    - Contract Work Summary Record (90-126) work done by contractors
    - Force Account Equipment Summary (90-127) -equipment use costs
    - Applicant's Benefits Calculation Worksheet (90-128) fringe benefit pay for employees
  - -Copies of Insurance Policies & much, much more!

# Project Management

- Municipal responsibilities
  - Progress Reports
  - Financial Reports
  - Closeout Reports
- Project Completion Time Limits
  - Emergency work 6 months
  - Permanent work 18 months
  - Time limits for all Projects begin the date of the disaster declaration

### Individual Assistance

 When the President declares a disaster and authorizes providing Individual Assistance, FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP) can help homeowners and renters affected by the disaster with housing needs and necessary expenses.

 A Disaster Recovery Center may be set up by FEMA for citizens to visit and file for assistance.

# Individuals and Households Program

- To be considered for IHP housing assistance, the affected home must be the individual's primary residence and it must be located in the disaster area designated for Individual Assistance.
- To be considered for IHP assistance for necessary expenses or serious needs, the loss must have occurred in the disaster area designated for Individual Assistance.
- An individual or a pre-disaster member of the household must be a United States citizen, a non-citizen national or a qualified alien.

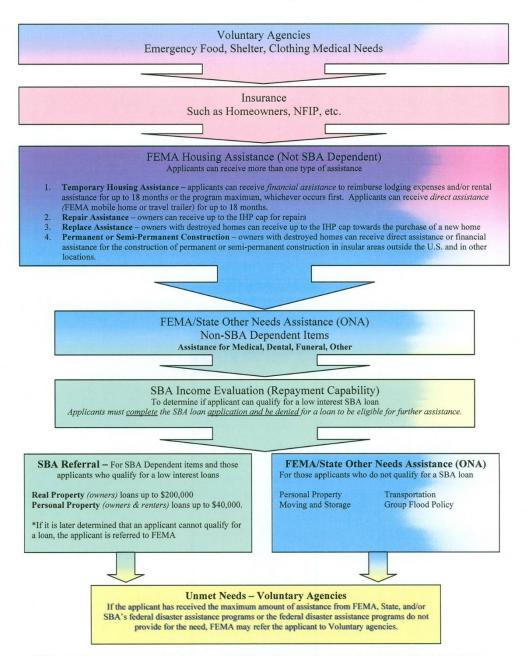
# What does IA pay for?

- Temporary Housing
- Food Stamps
- Legal Services
- Veteran's Assistance
- Income Tax Counseling
- Low Interest Loans

- Unemployment payments
- Individual & Family grants
- Crisis Counseling
- Agricultural assistance
- Red Cross Services
- Medical and Dental Expenses
- Funeral and Burial Costs

#### **Individual Assistance Sequence of Delivery**

- Individual Assistance
  - Sequence of delivery
  - Some aid
     may come
     from private
     charities
     instead of the
     Federal
     government



NOTE: Eligibility is based on a FEMA inspection conducted on the damaged property. Max amount of Individuals and Households Assistance (IHP) is adjusted annually according to the CPI index. The maximum amount for FY08 is \$28,800.

### Individual Assistance

- The Town EOC will be involved by collecting individual damage information and recording it on the Individual Assistance Damage Assessment Form. The town should provide information updates to the public.
- Individual applicants will work directly with FEMA, other Federal entities, or with private charities during the Individual Assistance phase.

# Disaster Recovery

 Please contact Waldo County EMA if you have any questions.

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