

## LMS Quarterly Meeting

Thank you to everyone who could attend our webinar. We had about 80 people on the call representing 46 different agencies.

Here is what we covered:

### Announcements

- We are currently at the Youth Fair (3/15-4/8) providing hurricane preparedness information.
- On Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a call down for our Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program so if you are available to volunteer to assist please email Roberto Cepeda at [Roberto.Cepeda@miamidade.gov](mailto:Roberto.Cepeda@miamidade.gov) or you can call him at 305-468-5419.
- We have several exercises coming up
  - April 5, 2018 a Post Disaster Housing Exercise that will focus on housing issues and will also have a flooding component. This is a good exercise for any flood plain managers that are looking for CRS credit. It would also be good for any Housing Authorities or housing support agencies. I have mailed the link to the Flood Plain Managers already. Anyone else that is interested should contact Sherry Capers [Sherry.Capers@miamidade.gov](mailto:Sherry.Capers@miamidade.gov) or 305-468-5452.
  - May 2, 2018 will be our annual Hurricane Exercise with the State. Invitations for this should be coming out shortly. CRS communities that are also Divisional EOCs can also participate in this for credit. It does not have to be your Flood Plain manager it can be any rep from your city.
- We attempted to show a nice video that was done after Hurricane Irma from the Florida Keys showing how improved building codes made a big difference for their structures.  
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/153336#embed-code>
- We spoke about Community Outreach and the importance of ensuring that everyone is providing consistent information.
  - We have updated our Storm Surge Planning Zone Map this year. I will attach the pdf to the email. We removed the area in the NW portion of the county that had surge inundation showing.
  - We are currently working on the 2018 brochure. It will be larger in size than the mailout last year and will include 2 pages for Spanish and Haitian Creole. This will get mailed out to 1 million households in Miami-

## LMS Calendar

<http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/mitigation.asp>

**Date:** June 20, 2018

**Time:** 9:30-11:00 am

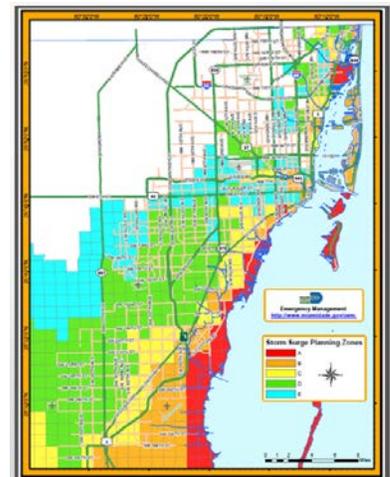
**Location:** TBD - In Person

All Working Group Members and the public are welcome to attend.

### Future Quarterly Meetings:

September 19, 2018 (webinar)

December 12, 2018 (in person)



Dade so an increase from last year. We are also looking to do full Spanish and Haitian-Creole brochures so they can be made available for outreach.

- It is important that we help ensure people understand the difference between FEMA Flood Zones and Storm Surge Planning Zones. There were a lot of hits on the internet during Hurricane Irma with people looking up their flood zones.
- Our office is working with ITD to create an app to have real time information for people to try to help direct them to look at one place to get the correct information specific to the hurricane.

**HMGP Update**

Next in our meeting we discussed the drop in the estimation of how much HMGP monies would be available. Overall the state and Miami-Dade saw about a 50% drop.

	State	Miami-Dade
90-day estimate	\$929,880,399	\$168,980,208.39
6-month estimate	\$354,066,081	\$64,341,780.10

This obviously impacts what we had been hoping to fund for mitigation as we dropped from \$168 M to \$64M. The Steering Committee will be meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss what changes if any we should make to the list we had worked on previously. Some LMS Working Group members had suggestions that the Steering Committee will discuss.

Sandy Bridges from FEMA was on the webinar as well and talked about ways to look for the match including looking to the Private Public Partnership. Were there any businesses in your jurisdiction that were impacted as well. Might they want to help cover the match for projects that will benefit them as well? I will resend the handouts that Sandy had provided previously. The State is looking to help expedite the Environmental and Historical reviews by working closely with FEMA. See the flyer to the right.

Sandy also mentioned the Increased Cost Compliance Coverage and provided a Fact Sheet that I have included in the email. This can provide up to an additional \$30,000 the help flood insurance policy holders cover the cost of mitigation measures that will reduce flood risk.

**Jump start**  
How to get early environmental reviews for certain project types.

Are you wanting to submit applications for the following project types:  
 ⇒ Acquisition/Demolition  
 ⇒ Acquisition/Relocation  
 ⇒ Elevation  
 ⇒ Mitigation Reconstruction

Are you a declared county looking to submit for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding?  
 Would you like to get an early start on the environmental and historic preservation (EHP) review?

If you answered, "yes," to all, then we would like to help.

Even before the Notice of Funding Availability is published, those eligible applicants seeking funding for the above listed project types can get a preliminary EHP review. This is a great way to get a jump start on the review process for those projects you know you will be submitting.

What we need to get started:  
 ⇒ A notice of voluntary interest<sup>1</sup>  
 ⇒ Neighborhood or geographic area of the project site(s)  
 ⇒ The type and scope of project being submitted  
 ⇒ Addresses (if available)

Additional info helpful for Acquisition-Demolition/Elevation reviews:  
 ⇒ Documentation of the year(s) of original construction, and any additions/modifications to existing structure.  
 ⇒ Plans of proposed excavations or other ground disturbing activities.  
 ⇒ Photos of structure (all sides).  
 ⇒ Copies of any available plans for existing structure, as well as documentation of any changes made since original construction.

Check out The Florida GreenBook

Got questions?  
 Call our Mitigation Hotline (850) 815-4524  
 Visit FDEM Mitigation

<sup>1</sup> www.fortdadaleser.org/mitigation/hazard  
 www.fortdadaleser.org/recovery/documents/FI\_Greenbook.pdf

## Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

The State will also be receiving \$616 M in CDBG monies from Hurricane Irma. They met with stakeholders from Miami-Dade to discuss unmet needs and areas to be considered for an action plan for utilizing this money. I have attached the power point they provided to us to the email. But here are few highlights.

- Flexible fund to address community needs that remain after other funding has been exhausted
- Must primarily address housing unmet needs but can also be used for unmet economic revitalization and infrastructure needs that impact housing and economic revitalization
- Can be used as a match for other federal funding
- Must meet of HUD's 3 National Objectives
  - Benefit persons of low-moderate income (70% of funding for LMI)
  - Aid in prevention or elimination of slums or blight
  - Meet other urgent community development needs because of serious or immediate threat

You can see more information in the slides. We are expecting a draft of the Action Plan on the Department of Economic Opportunity website in April – with a comment period of 14 days. Then in May they will submit the plan to HUD for approval.

There may be some projects that we had hoped to get HMGP money for that may qualify for CDBG. It must tie into impacts from Irma and we talked about power loss and some of our vulnerable populations in residential facilities/housing as one of the areas.

We will keep you posted of when the state posts the draft action plan so you can provide comments.

## Priority Power Restoration

Steve Detwiler presented on our work with FPL for the priority restoration of critical facilities. FPL allows us to select 20% of the feeders for priority restoration. We are currently over the 20 % and will be revisiting what is on the list. It is important for everyone to understand that being on the list does not guarantee your power will be restored quickly. It depends on the magnitude of the damages. Therefore, everyone should ensure they have the following in place:

- Continuity of Operations Plans that identifies your mission essential functions and alternate facilities where you can conduct them if site A is not available
- Redundant power sources that may include back up generation or dual feeders from FPL
- Transfer switches so you can switch over to generator power
- Generator/Electrician contracts that you can activate if needed.

Steve will be working with our partners to help identify the Critical Infrastructure Facilities and Infrastructure Facilities (CIF and IF) in our community.

You can see more information in the LMS presentation slides. You can contact Steve Detwiler at [SteveD@miamidade.gov](mailto:SteveD@miamidade.gov) or 305-468-5423 for more information.

- ▶ **Critical Infrastructure Function (CIF):** These are facilities that have a direct effect on public health, safety, welfare and/or security for the county. These are the first priority (Tier 1) when FPL is restoring power to critical facilities. These facilities encompass the 20% of the feeders in the county.
- ▶ **Infrastructure Function (IF):** These are facilities that have an indirect effect on either public health, safety, welfare and/or security for the county. These are the second priority (Tier 2) for FPL when restoring power.

## Next Meeting

Before we ended the call, we discussed a few items that will be coming up in our next meeting.

- We will need to begin the preparation of the five year update this year. It is due in 2020 for review and approval from the State and FEMA.
- We need to look at the Steering Committee and updating the membership.
- We want to look at the prioritization process for projects and how we can be more strategic in our approaches.

Our meeting was concluded and our next meeting will be on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We are currently looking for a volunteer to host the meeting, so let me know if you are interested. You will need to be able to host about 65 people and have adequate parking (preferably free).

**Thank you to all for your continued support and wonderful mitigation. You can reach me at [perkins@miamidade.gov](mailto:perkins@miamidade.gov) or 305-468-5429. You can also email the [mdlms@miamidade.gov](mailto:mdlms@miamidade.gov) account.**

**There will be a Debris Meeting held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Miami-Dade EOC.**

**Topics include:**

- **Staging Areas, selection and approval**
- **Updates to the Debris Plan and Ops Guide**
- **Lessons Learned**
- **Recycling**

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