

Workshop 3: Disaster & Debris Management Documentation

Houston-Galveston Area Council Annual Debris Training Workshop Series August 21, 2013



AGENDA

- Introductions and purpose
- When do we start?
- Disaster debris documentation
- Break



- Additional funding sources and mitigation opportunities
- Accounting procedures and best practices
- Break
- Guest Speaker: Tennyle Walker, Grant Thornton
- Next Steps/Adjourn

Part 1: Introduction and Purpose



FACILITATORS

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- Supported debris management operations since 2004 throughout the country.
- Assisted municipalities during Hurricane lke and the wildfires in Bastrop, Texas.
- Serves as the debris program manager for H-GAC

Donald Kunish

- Served as a debris project manager in New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy
- Managed major debris projects and served as a technical advisor for 15 years
- Lead the State of Florida Emergency Response Commission

Caryn Messer

- Serves as a technical lead for emergency management planning
- Has supported the H-GAC annual debris training workshops for the past 4 years
- Assisted state agencies throughout Florida with the FEMA Public Assistance Program

Tennyle Walker

- Certified Public Accountant and Certified Governmental Financial Manager
- Performed audits and reviews of federal, state and local entities for 11 years
- Assisted Texas with compliance reviews of grant funds for Hurricanes lke and Rita

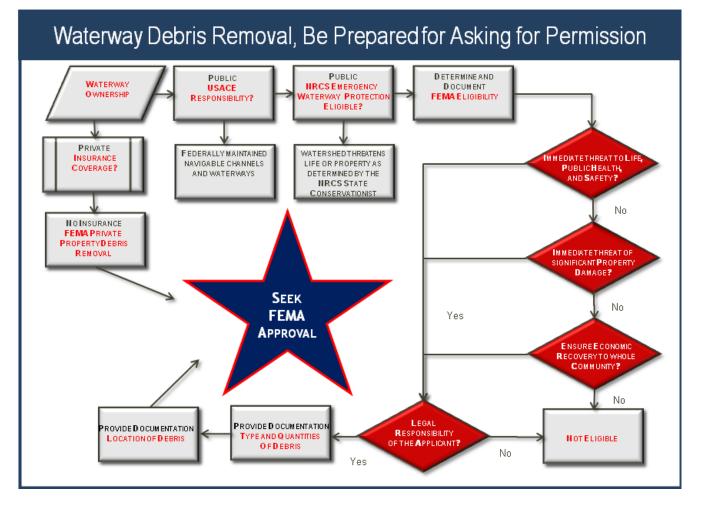


- Introduce best practices associated with federal reimbursement for disaster-related costs.
- Discuss tools that local governments can use to document costs.
- Discuss opportunities for mitigation funding and the associated documentation requirements.
- Review lessons learned from an auditor's perspective.

RECAP FROM PREVIOUS WORKSHOP

- No additional guidance on changes to the FEMA Public Assistance program
 - -Is there any new information on the cost share incentive options?
 - Does the H-GAC debris services procurement program meet the pre-qualified contractor requirement?
 - Is it appropriate to use the H-GAC debris services procurement program for disaster debris.
 - –Are canals systems considered waterways for reimbursement purposes from clean debris?

RECAP FROM PREVIOUS WORKSHOP



Part 2: When Do We Start?



WHEN DO WE START?

Start documentation

- With warning: begin tracking costs prior to the disaster once the threat has been identified.
- Without warning: begin tracking costs as soon as possible.
- Start assessing damage
 - Initial damage assessment
 - Preliminary damage assessments
- Start setting priorities
 - Assess information to make informed decisions

WHEN DO WE START? Initial documentation

Start Documentation

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- Identify a person that will be responsible for compiling disaster-related costs for the jurisdiction.
- Establish a cost code for disaster-related costs.
- Establish a file structure for each site where recovery work has been or will be performed.
- Maintain accurate disbursement and accounting records to document the work performed and the cost incurred.
- Obtain applicable local, state, and federal policies and regulations.
- Document administrative costs.
- Begin compiling recovery project documentation

WHEN DO WE START? Initial documentation

- Internal documentation
 - Personnel policies
 - Labor and equipment
 - Timesheets and summaries
 - Safety procedures
 - Contract procurement procedures
 - Contracts
 - Environmental permits
 - Public information announcements



Start Assessing Damage

- Factors to consider when assessing debris:
 - Composition of debris
 - Estimated volume of debris
 - Widespread vs. localized
 - Damage to transit routes
 - Estimated costs
 - Presidential disaster declaration
 - Timeline for debris removal
 - Public health and welfare

- Damage Assessment Process
 - Initial damage assessment conducted by the municipality
 - Joint preliminary damage assessment conducted by local, state and federal representatives
 - Development of State Disaster Summary Outline

- Assemble Damage Assessment Teams
 - Infrastructure damage assessment teams
 - Public works damage assessment teams
 - Residential damage assessment teams
 - Public property damage assessment teams



- Initial Damage Assessment
 - Assign a damage assessment coordinator
 - Compile GIS data
 - Provide incident briefing and assign tasks to team
 - Provide supplies (maps, forms, cameras, safety equipment, etc.)



- Initial Damage Assessment
 - Compile reports
 - Compile jurisdiction reports into one county report
 - Submit report to **TDEM**
 - Anticipate requests for additional information

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- Initial Damage Assessment Public Property
 - Category of damage
 - Location (location name, address, map, etc.)
 - Description of damage
 - Percent of impact
 - Insurance coverage
 - Cost estimate

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- Initial Damage Assessment Residential
 - Single family/multi-family homes/mobile homes
 - Affected some damage
 - Minor less than 50% damage
 - Major more than 50% damage
 - Destroyed Should be obvious
 - Estimate insurance



- Disaster Summary Outline Form TDEM-95
 - Jurisdictional information
 - Contact information
 - Individual Assistance
 - Fatalities
 - Injuries
 - Hospitalized
 - Agricultural losses
 - Residential losses
 - Business losses/impacts

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					Population:
Type of Disaster (FI	ood, Hurrican	e, Tornado, etc	.)		
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Number of homes is	olated due to r	oad closure (hi	gh water, etc.):		
Agricultural Losse	s: (Contact the	Farm Service	Agency in your	county)	
Is agricultural assists	ance needed?	Yes/No If	yes, please atta	ch USDA flas	h situation report.
Residential Losses	- Primary Resi	idence Only: (Local Damage	Assessment) S	see guidelines on page
Type of Homes	Affected	Minor Damage	Major Damage	Destroyed	% Covered by Insurance
Single Family Homes					
Mobile Homes Multi-Family					
Units					
Totals					

https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/Recovery/index.htm

- Disaster Summary Outline Form TDEM-95 (cont.)
 - Public Assistance
 - Category of damage
 - Annual maintenance budget
 - Start of fiscal year
 - Other damage (non-profit, medical, utility, educational, etc)



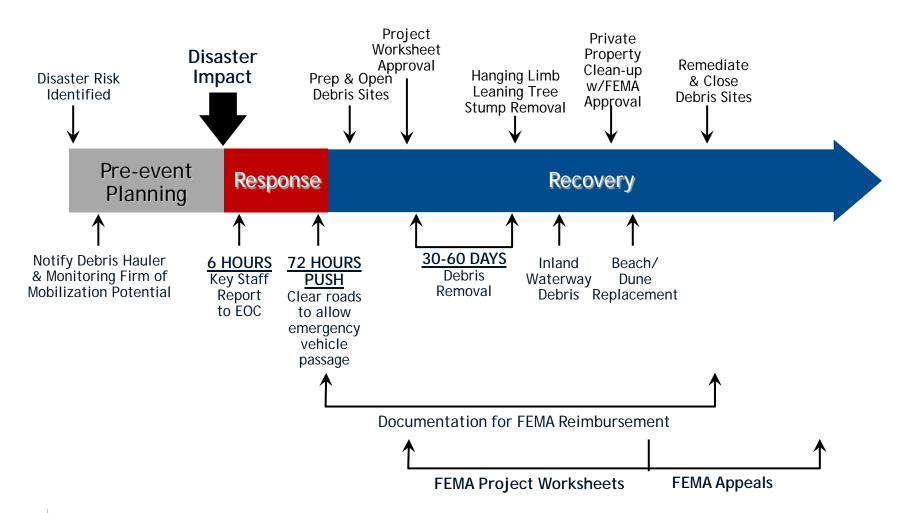
- Preliminary Damage Assessments
 - Eligibility Requirements:
 - Applicant: State, local governments, privatenonprofit (PNPs).
 - Facility: Public or PNP-owned building, works, system, or equipment.
 - Work: Debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repairs
 - Cost: Reasonable and necessary to accomplish the work

- Damage Assessment Training
 - Residential Damage Assessment (G-627)
 - Infrastructure Damage Assessment (G-628)
 - Damage Assessment for Public Works (IS-556)
 - Local Damage Assessment (IS-559)
 - Recovery Planning (R-526)

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Start Setting Priorities



- Emergency Declaration
 - Federal assistance and funding are provided to meet a specific emergency need or to help prevent a major disaster from occurring.
 - Emergency declarations are limited in scope and do not include restoration or permanent repairs.
 - Emergency extends beyond state and local capabilities
 - State must request emergency declaration within five days of the incident



- Disaster Declaration
 - Disaster warrants federal assistance to supplement state and local resources
 - State must request disaster declaration within 30 days of the incident
 - May include FEMA Programs
 - Public Assistance
 - Individual Assistance
 - HMGP



- Incident Period
 - The time interval during which the disaster-causing incident occurs
 - Usually begins when the incident occurs or prior to the incident
 - Established by FEMA in the FEMA-State Agreement and published in the Federal Register



- Determining the use of force account and/or contracted labor
 - **–**Disaster scenario
 - **Available resources**
 - Staff
 - Equipment
 - Contractor costs



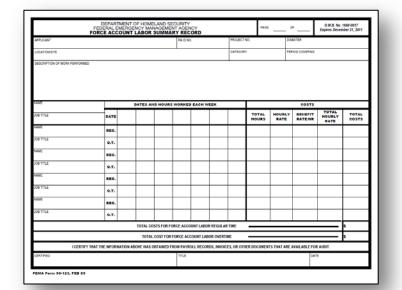
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• Straight Time Force Account Labor and Equipment

- Reimbursement for base and overtime wages of existing employees and extra hires.
- Costs calculated based on labor classifications.
- Must track and maintain accurate hourly labor records.
- Procedure can be used with any other alternative procedure or on its own.
- Procedure can be applied to both large and small projects.
- Track volunteer hours

- Labor Payroll records
 - Hourly labor rates
 - Hourly overtime rates
 - Hourly fringe benefit rates
 - Employee time cards
- Labor Personnel log of hours
 - Employee name
 - Employee title and duties performed related to the project.
 - Payroll journal/copy of payroll checks
 - Hours worked on this PW by date



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Equipment

- Identify location of work
- Describe work performed
- Provide equipment operation dates
- Provide project number
- Category of work
- Provide name of equipment operator
- Type

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- Indicate size
- Indicate capacity
- Indicate make and model
- Rental invoices

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FEMA Equipment Rates

- List code used
- Give equipment hourly rate
- Total hours in operation
- Inventory schedules with acquisition date
- Cancelled checks verifying payment for rental

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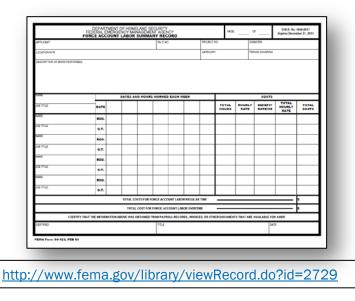
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- Materials
 - Vendor name
 - Material description
 - Unit price
 - Quantity used
 - Date purchased and date used
 - Total price of material/receipts/invoices
 - Indentify material used from stockpile



Contractor Documentation

- Reimbursement for base and overtime wages of existing employees and extra hires.
- Costs calculated based on labor classifications.
- Must track and maintain accurate hourly labor records.



- Contractor Documentation
 - Bid advertisements, lowest bid, copy of contracts
 - Scope of work and documentation
 - Rates
 - Invoices, cancelled checks and receipts

- Contractor Documentation
 - Changes in scope submitted to FEMA/state
 - Monitoring reports maintained
 - Manager/supervisor sign off on work
 - Applicant manager agree with work
 - Scope authorized by FEMA
 - Time extensions
 - Additional funding requests

Documentation Method

- Paper/manual documents
- Electronic/ADMS

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- Paper/Manual
 - Pros:
 - Cost effective for small events
 - Less set up time for small events
 - Zero reliance on infrastructure
 - Cons:
 - Operator errors
 - Lack of immediate status
 - No breadcrumbs

- Electronic/ADMS:
 - Pros:
 - Breadcrumbs
 - Instantaneous status
 - Common operating picture
 - Integration of GIS, photo and data documentation

Cons:

- Reliance on infrastructure
- Initial set up
- Additional training requirements





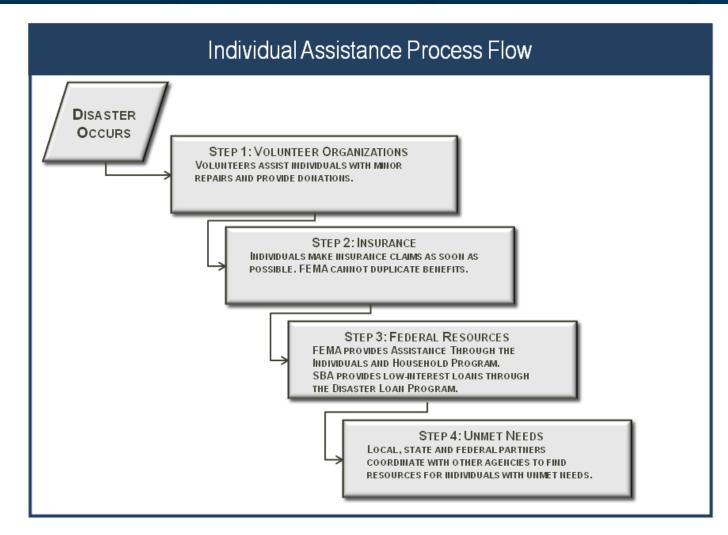
Part 4: Additional Funding Sources and Mitigation Opportunities



FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FEMA 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, Recreational Facilities, and Other Facilities

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FEMA Individual Assistance



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- Housing Assistance
 - Temporary Housing
 - Repair
 - Replacement
 - Permanent or Semi-Permanent Housing Construction

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FEMA Individual Assistance

Other Assistance (Non-Housing)

- Disaster-related medical and dental expenses
- Disaster-related funeral and burial expenses
- Clothing; household items; tools required for your job; necessary educational materials
- Fuels for primary heat source
- Clean-up items
- Disaster-related damage to a vehicle
- Moving and storage expenses related to the disaster
- Other necessary expenses or serious needs as determined by FEMA
- Other expenses that are authorized by law.

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loans
 - Available to homeowners, renters and businesses affected
 - Eve if there is not a presidentially declared disaster
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Flood Emergencies
 - Technical assistance
 - Flood fight
 - Rehabilitation flood control works damaged or destroyed by floods

- The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration
 - Repair federal-aid highways and roads damaged by natural disasters or catastrophic failures.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency
 - Emergency loans for production losses and crop
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Emergency Food Assistance Program
 - Helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including the elderly, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS Non FEMA Assistance Programs

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services supports disaster survivors:
 - Emergency food and shelter
 - Temporary financial assistance
 - Transportation
 - Legal assistance
 - Health care
 - Mental health care and counseling
 - Employment

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Public Assistance Program - Sec 406

- Mitigation Requirements
 - Allows for replacement or repair of damaged public infrastructure to prevent/reduce future, similar damages from recurring.
 - Mitigation measure must be cost effective
- Method of Implementation
 - Extra mitigation measure written into an existing Public Assistance project through the Project Worksheet.
 - FEMA must approve of extra costs. Must be cost effective, technically feasible, compliant with regulatory requirements.
 - Examples: enhanced window protection; code-plus roofing; roof to foundation bracing for wind resistance, etc.







STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Public Assistance Program - Sec 406

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - No limits, as long as it is cost effective, and reasonable.
 - Funding is discretionary on part of FEMA who will balance the interests in disaster resistance with the proper stewardship of public funds.
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - This can have huge impacts for any applicant. It brings in mitigation enhancements under the PA program which is matched at 75/25%.
 - It is critically important the applicant is fully aware of this provision in the law, and have staff trained in its implementation.

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Sec 404 (HMGP)

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - FEMA will provide 75% of funding. Applicants must provide the matching 25% non-federal share. Match can be inkind.
 - Available funding is 15% of the disaster cost
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - HMGP is one of the most important mitigation programs available to a jurisidction.
 - It can be used for all aspects of mitigation.
 - It is an excellent way to get a mitigation project funded for 25% of the cost.

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Sec 404 (HMGP)

- Mitigation Requirements
 - HMGP funding is a function of the State being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration.
 - Projects are pre-identified in the Local Mitigation Action Plans (LMAP), or added to the LMAP at the time of the disaster via the LMAP Committee.
- Method of Implementation
 - Applicants receives announcement of available HMGP funding levels.
 - Projects are submitted to the State for review and ranking according to the state hazard mitigation plan. State submits project to FEMA for approval.
 - Must meet federal HMGP requirements.







STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - \$120,000,000 Nationally in 2013
 - Federal Cost Share:
 - 100% for Severe Repetitive Loss properties
 - 90% for Repetitive Loss properties
 - 75% for National Flood Insurance Program insured properties
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - Reduced or eliminated threat of repeated flooding
 - No properties removed from tax roles
 - Increased property value
 - Potentially lowered flood insurance premiums
 - Overall NFIP rating will be positively impacted

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

- Mitigation Requirements
 - Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation
 - Structure Elevation
 - Dry Flood-Proofing
 - Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects
 - Hazard Mitigation Planning (Flood Portion)
 - Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings and Facilities
- Method of Implementation
 - Applicants develop applications for State and FEMA ranking
 - Deadlines: TWDB September 17, 2013 and FEMA October 18, 2013

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance

- Mitigation Requirements
 - Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation
 - Structure Elevation
 - Dry Flood-Proofing
 - Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects
 - Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings
 - Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings
 - Safe Room Construction
 - Infrastructure Retrofit
 - Soil Stabilization
 - Wildfire Mitigation
 - Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Method of Implementation
 - State submittal is in competition with other states.





STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - \$23,700,000 available nationally
 - Up to \$3M (federal share) per project application
 - Federal share is 75%, Applicant share is 25%.
 - Must have an approved LMAP to be eligible for funding.
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - A mechanism to fund projects identified in the LMAP.
 - Depending on the project, can have substantial mitigation benefit s.

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance

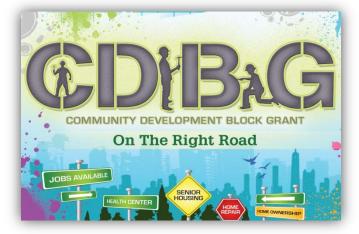
- Proposed applications ranked by:
 - 1. The #1 ranked application in each State and Territory if the application is within the 1% set-aside or \$250,000. If the #1 ranked application is greater than \$250,000 that application will be considered after all other State and Territory set-asides are selected.
 - 2. Planning application
 - 3. Indian Tribal Government application
 - 4. Non flood projects from Applicants with no open HMGP declaration
 - 5. Non-flood projects from Applicants with an open HMGP declaration
 - 6. Flood mitigation projects

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Texas Safe Room Programs

- Mitigation Requirements
 - Property Acquisition and Structure Demolition or Relocation
 - Structure Elevation
- Method of Implementation
 - State submittal is in competition with other states
- Funding/Incentives Available
 - Leverages HMGP and PDM programs
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - Individual Safe Rooms Covers half of the costs up to \$3,000
 - Community Safe Rooms typically 75% to 25% cost share

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Unmet Needs Disaster Recovery Assistance

- Mitigation Requirements
 - Funds only available if in a Presidential Disaster Declaration.
 - Applicant must demonstrate significant unmet recovery needs, and capacity to carry out initiative, if funded.
- Method of Implementation
 - HUD notifies eligible government that funds are available. The Applicant then develops an Action Plan, and submits it for funding consideration.



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HUD CDBG Disaster Programs Lessons Learned

June 17-20, 2009 Presenters Suzie Elkins, CEO, Suzie Elkins Community Development LLC, Baton Rouge, LA Suelkins@cox.net Michael Spletto, Director of HUD Programs, Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. Baton Rouge, LA splettom@cdm.com

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STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Unmet Needs Disaster Recovery Assistance

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - Funding is dependent on the amount of supplemental funding HUD receives from Congress for the disaster at hand.
 - The amount of funding is driven by a formula used by HUD based on the need, and amount allocated by Congress to meet the unmet needs.
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - It could have wide impacts, if the application is designed to meet that type of need.

STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- Wind Mitigation Requirements
 - WAP funds are available to low income residents who qualify to weatherize their homes.
- Method of Implementation
 - Funds go directly from USDOE to the State, and given to an 26 subrecipients to manage based on need and ability to expend the funds in 254 Counties.
 - Individuals apply for the WAP funds to assist in weatherizing their homes through the 26 subrecipients.





STATE AND FEDERAL MITIGATION PROGRAMS Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- Funding/Incentives Available
 - Up to \$5,600 can be granted to a homeowner, but the average grant is \$2,600.
 - Funds can be used for specific purposes established by the State WAP (Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs)
- Potential Mitigation Benefit
 - WAP funding can be used to assist in replacement of doors, windows, repairs to roofs, ceilings, some of which can reduce the impacts of damaging winds on a home.

Part 5: Guest Speaker: Tennyle Walker, Grant Thornton



- Knowledge is power Understand the audit process and documentation requirements.
- Educate your staff on proper protocol for debris management and required documentation
- Verify activities

- Force Account Labor and Equipment
 - Time period 6 months or approved extension
 - Only overtime is eligible
 - Documentation
 - Summary sheets
 - Timesheets
 - Salary information
 - Work logs
 - Equipment use logs
 - Documentation of equipment rates
 - Mutual aid agreements
 - Proof of Payment

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- Contracted Labor and Equipment
 - Time period 6 months or improved extension
 - Contracts must be competitively bided in accordance with 44 CFR Part 14
 - Based on the type contracts, auditors test for certain aspects of the contracts
 - Cost plus percentage of cost contracts are prohibited
 - Documentation contracts, load tickets, truck certifications

- Debris removal activities must be monitored
 - May claim reasonable cost for training oversight and compilation of source documents
 - Overhead cost for architectural or engineering services are not eligible
 - If monitoring services are contracted, auditors will test the monitoring contracts
 - If monitoring is performed internally, auditors will test force account labor attributes

TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR AUDITOR AFTER TWO MARTINIS

- 1. Will TDEM automatically de-obligate funds based on a negative finding in the audit report?
- 2. What is the standard sampling percentage of documentation? What would lead you to sample more than the standard.
- 3. Are audits on contractor costs more extensively analyzed versus force account costs?
- 4. All of my staff is gone from 2008, we've had 100% turnover. And now I'm facing an audit. What is your recommendation?

TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR AUDITOR AFTER TWO MARTINIS

- 5. FEMA wrote into the project worksheet a standard \$5,000 for direct administrative costs. Now it is begin questioned and recommended for de-obligation. What happened?
- 6. What are your recommendations on retaining and archiving records?
- 7. Are there any tips to expedite audits or avoid additional audits? How do we nail the audit the first time?
- 8. What is the process for receiving retainage/state holdback?

TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR AUDITOR AFTER TWO MARTINIS

- 9. We still owe our debris contractors money. We are a small community and struggling with upfront disaster costs. Can I request an audit before I pay my last contractor? (That 10% is hard to float right now with uncertainty when I will be reimbursed.)
- **10.** We lost our documentation, it is five years after the disaster and our contractor is defunct. Any advice?

Next Steps/Adjourn



QUESTIONS?



ADJOURN

Thank you!

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