Today’s Presentation

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What is hazard mitigation?

- Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from a hazard event.
Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
  - post-disaster
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
  - non-disaster
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
  - non-disaster
Common Grant Activities in Region I

- Property acquisition and structure demolition
- Structure elevation
- Minor localized flood reduction projects
- Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) development or update
- Generators (HMGP & BRIC only)
- Soil stabilization
- Non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings
Property Acquisition

- **Demolition** - The voluntary acquisition of an existing flood-prone structure and conversion of the land to open space through the demolition of the structure. The property must be **deed-restricted** in perpetuity to open space uses to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions.

- **Relocation** - The voluntary physical relocation of an existing structure to an area outside of a hazard-prone area, such as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Relocation must conform to all applicable State and local regulations. The property must be **deed-restricted** in perpetuity to open space uses to restore and/or conserve the natural floodplain functions.
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*Individuals and businesses are not eligible to apply for HMA funds; however, an eligible applicant or subapplicant may apply for funding on behalf of individuals and businesses.
Additional Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible applicants and subapplicants
- Eligible activities
- Hazard mitigation plan
- Cost-effectiveness
- Feasibility and effectiveness
- Environmental and Historic Preservation
- Cost eligibility
- Cost sharing
- Other program requirements
Benefit Cost Analysis

- BCA Toolkit Version 6.0

- Pre-calculated benefits
  - acquisitions in Special Flood Hazard Areas
  - average benefits are $276,000

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Property Acquisition General Application Requirements

- The value of each property
- An appeal or reconsideration process for property owners who dispute the purchase offer
- Statement of Assurances
- A sample of the deed restriction
- Property owner documentation
- Voluntary interest documentation
- Certification of owner status for pre-event value
- Consultation regarding other ongoing Federal activities
Deed Restriction

- Allowable uses: pavilions, picnic tables, small scale recreation courts, or ball fields
- Restricted uses: paved surfaces, walled structures, flood control structures, and bridges.
Property Acquisition Demolition Success Story

Haigh Avenue, Salem, New Hampshire

- FFY 2009 FMA
- Completed in 2013
- Total cost: $2,533,352
  - Federal Share: $1,889,802
  - Non-federal share: $643,550
- 9 residential structures
- Match provided by NH DOT
Haigh Ave – Why It Flooded
Haigh Ave - Flooding
Before and During Flooding
Before and During Flooding
Before and After Mitigation
After Mitigation
Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance

- 2015 HMA Guidance
- 2015 HMA Guidance Addendum
- Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)
  - FMA and BRIC (grants.gov)
- FEMA Cost Share Guide
- FEMA Model Deed Restriction
- BCA Reference Guide
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