

## MEETING NOTES

Hillsborough County LMS Working Group Meeting

### ***SPECIAL MEETING: HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROCESS***

Thursday, October 14, 2021; 1:00 PM

Via GoTo Webinar

#### **Attendees**

Facilitators: Troy Salisbury (Hazard Mitigation Manager), Monica Martin (Hazard Mitigation Planner & LMS Coordinator)

Officers: Elizabeth Dunn (Chair)

Committee Members: Kevin Moran, Bart Weiss, Christina Hummel, Kyle Dollman, Bill Twaite, John Antapasis, Jose DeJesus, Daniel Gessman, Matthew Goolsby, Clarissa Grant, Catherine Hayes, Gene Henry, Angie Leslie, John McGee, Sheila McNamara, Katja Miller, Trinity Miller, Robert Parris, Inaki Rezola, Angela Salter, Kayla Smart, Barbara Spaulding, Julia Watson, and Allison Yeh.

Guest Attendees: Russell Ackerman, Simon Bollin, Taylor Dillon, Bryan Eckhart, Tracy Gogichaishvili, Erica Jefferies, Paul Johnson, Carol Minor, Mark Martinet, Ryan Pedigo, Robert Pierce III, Christopher Pratt, Olivia Ryall, Amber Simmons, Scot Trebatoski, Morgan Van Horn, Tramaine Whittey, and Chris Zambito.

#### **I. Welcome**

##### **a. Introductions and Attendance**

Meeting started at 1:00 p.m. The Chair, Elizabeth Dunn, introduced herself and in the interest of time, Monica Martin and Troy Salisbury, advised all attendees are acknowledged and appreciated for their involvement.

#### **II. Action Items**

##### **a. Discussion/approval of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)-related application documents and ranking system**

Mr. Salisbury highlighted opportunities like these, to make eligible and then rank projects for HMGP funding, are some of the greatest benefits to having a LMS WG when we have funding available through the State, Federal or otherwise. He noted how powerful, needed and required this working group is.

Mr. Salisbury and Ms. Martin reviewed their PowerPoint (available here: <https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/hazard-mitigation/local-mitigation-strategy-working-group>) covering HMGP funding availability (\$8.5M for HC for Tier 1 projects, and possibility for Tier 2 funding), program overview, submittal requirements/deadlines (due via FDEM Portal on December 21, 2021 and applicants are required to provide a signed endorsement letter from the LMS WG Chair or Vice-Chair, which includes the prioritized ranking of all eligible projects), project eligibility, the ranking system (will be based on the project scoring sheet measuring different benefits), submission process/requirements (provide both the project review form and the project summary sheet), and timelines (for due dates for LMS WG submission, voting opening/closing, and when final documents will be provided).

Mr. Salisbury opened the floor for questions and further discussion. Gene Henry voiced he believes the benefits listed under the measured criteria on the HMGP Project Scoring

Sheet should be more holistic in nature and the applicants should provide more in-depth background information. Mr. Salisbury advised these documents were created within the short timeframe provided and the County plans to co-create more detailed scoring measures in the future.

Several members asked the following questions and/or made the following comments:

- If there would be funding caps on the projects and Mr. Salisbury advised there would not due to Tier 1 + 2 funding availability;
- If we could have applicants add the project's Google Maps link within the review form and Mr. Salisbury said it would be added;
- Grants programs are prioritizing and funding multi-jurisdictional resiliency projects and it should be a focus for Hillsborough County and Mr. Salisbury agreed that will be a greater focus moving forward;
- We should be maximizing our funding requests each opportunity and having projects readily available (i.e. on the project list with a project review form on file) on standby;
- The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has a number of maps and supplemental information readily available for those who need it and would like to partner with them.

Barbara Spaulding moved a motion to approve the submittal and ranking process as noted within the PowerPoint presentation (as is) and Katja Miller seconded. Motion passed with one objection (Gene Henry) for reasons previously discussed.

### **III. Old/New Business**

#### **a. LMS WG Project List Updates**

- Ms. Martin reminded the Working Group project list updates for the annual LMS update are due Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **IV. Future Meetings**

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- The next meeting (Q4 = 4<sup>th</sup> quarter) is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30 pm (officer elections, approval of materials to submit for LMS annual update, and schedule LMS WG meetings for 2022), with the remaining schedule for 2021 being the HMGP Projects and Rankings meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

### **V. Adjournment**

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- Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.