



## **AGENDA**

**Pinellas County LMS Working Group Meeting  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018; 1:30 P.M.**

**Pinellas County Planning Department Office  
310 Court St., Clearwater, FL 33756  
and**

**Via GoToMeeting Webinar:**

**Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/840215093>**

**Dial-in: 1 (872) 240-3212; Access Code: 840-215-093**

- 1) Welcome and Introductions**
- 2) Approval of Minutes:** July 11, 2018 meeting
- 3) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application Updates**
- 4) LMS 5-Year Update Pre-Planning Discussion**
  - Proposed Schedule
  - FEMA/FDEM Requirements
  - Membership Requirements
- 5) 2019 Meeting Schedule**
- 6) FDEM Annual Updates**
- 7) Announcements**
- 8) Adjourn**

**NEXT SCHEDULED QUARTERLY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY MEETING:**

January TBD, 1:30 PM

Pinellas County Planning Department Office and via GoToMeeting



## Meeting Minutes

### Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting

Wednesday July 11, 2018 1:30 P.M.

Pinellas County Planning Department

310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Clearwater, FL 33756

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chris Moore, with Pinellas County Planning, welcomed the attendees and facilitated introductions.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### 3. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Update and Discussion

Mr. Moore asked for an update from each of the applicants who were applying for HMGP funds. Representatives from all but two entities provided updates that their applications were on track for submittal. Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District and The ARC of Tampa Bay were not present for updates. Mr. Moore indicated he had been in communication with both groups and that Pinellas Suncoast and Fire had indicated they were on track to apply, but that The ARC of Tampa Bay was less certain. He then reminded the group that if the ARC of Tampa Bay did not apply or if anyone else who did but was deemed ineligible by the State, those associated funds would flow down the ranking list to the next highest projects, but those ranked projects must actually apply by August 6 to be eligible. The next update concerned the Tier II ranking process. The group was informed on the process that will occur. For Tier I, each County was allocated a portion of the State's total allocation from FEMA and if a County did not submit eligible applications to use its entire Tier I allocation, the unused portion would then be reallocated into a Tier II allocation. The State would then tally up the total amount of eligible but unfunded projects from each County, and distribute the Tier II funds on a percentage basis based upon each County's percentage of the total of state-wide unfunded projects. This process will not likely occur for at least a year, as it will take time for the final eligibility determination of all the Tier I projects is determined.

The next agenda item under the HMGP update focused on a request from REBUILD Northwest Florida, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2004 after Hurricane Ivan to windstorm harden homes. REBUILD has hardened approximately 14,000 houses in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties since that date utilizing HMGP funds. Mr. Moore explained REBUILD's operations and that they were seeking an endorsement to be listed on Pinellas County's HMGP project list. A discussion followed with some communities raising concerns and some supporting the endorsement. A motion was made to endorse REBUILD NW Florida to windstorm harden up to 3,000 homes for a total project cost of \$30,000,000 with a Federal Share of \$22,500,000, and for the project to be placed last on



Pinellas County's HMGP project endorsement list. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-4 with Pinellas County Planning and Emergency Management departments, and the cities of Gulfport, Pinellas Park, St. Pete Beach, South Pasadena, St. Petersburg and Largo all voting in favor, with the Town of Belleair, and the cities of Tarpon Springs, Treasure Island and Indian Rocks Beach opposed.

The next update concerned \$616,000,000 worth CDBG-DR funds to be distributed through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity primarily intended to address remaining unmet housing and economic development needs from Hurricane Irma. The state's timeline for implementing the program includes the Action Plan that guides how the funds will be spent being approved in July, with DEO anticipating a grant agreement from HUD in August, and in the Fall of DEO will work with eligible entities to implement the programs that are developed in the Action Plan. The Action Plan also states Florida will receive an additional \$791 million to support additional unmet needs, including infrastructure and mitigation efforts through the CDBG-DR program. Funding for these programs will be included when the federal guidance is released but there is no set date for that to occur as of yet.

#### **4. Updates and Adjournment**

After brief updates on the timeline for the 5-year FEMA and annual FDEM LMS updates, and the Public Stakeholder meeting schedule, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm