



## **AGENDA**

**Pinellas County LMS Working Group Meeting  
Wednesday, May 2, 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/704765117>**

**Dial-in: 1 (872) 240-3412; Access Code: 704-765-117**

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

**2) Approval of Minutes:** April 4, 2018 meeting.

**3) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Update and Discussion**

- Results of the LMS Scoring Committee review of projects submitting an “Intent to Apply” for funding from Pinellas County’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding allocation related to Hurricane Irma will be presented for discussion and consideration for required project ranking process.

**4) Announcements and Adjournment**

- 2017 LMS Annual Progress Report

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

July 11, 2018, 1:30 PM

Pinellas County Planning Department Office and via GoToMeeting



## Meeting Minutes

### Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Meeting

Wednesday April 4, 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 January 10, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Moore began the discussion by summarizing the Intent to Apply process established by Pinellas County to gauge applicant interest in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding related to Hurricane Irma Hurricane. The County received 54 Intent to Apply (ITA) forms from 11 different entities totaling approximately \$72.3 million worth of projects. Given the County is only allocated approximately \$12.5 million worth of HMGP funds the discussion continued with how the projects will be ranked, as the State will not review any applications that are not endorsed by the Working Group, including the order in which the State will review them. Several ranking methods were discussed: (1) a distribution based on populations served by the entities that applied, (2) an equal distribution among those that applied (accounting those entities that would be fully-funded with less than an equal distribution and those that would require additional funds), (3) prioritizing specific projects based on project type or “lessons learned” from previous storm events (4) voting members individually ranking all 54 ITA forms submitted to establish a weighted average, and (5) convening the LMS Scoring Committee. After discussion, option (5) was the desired approach by the majority of Working Group Members. It was decided that all ITA forms submitted would be required to submit an updated Project Scoring Sheet (projects already listed in the LMS had not been required to do so given one had been completed in the past). Updated scoring sheets were desired due to inconsistencies in scoring calculations in the spreadsheet and differing scoring committee members over the last several years. Re-scoring would provide an “apples to apples” comparison of all projects and provide the most objective ranking process, while providing a detailed methodology to prioritize projects having the most benefits. The ranking process was determined by a vote by voting Working Group members as established in the LMS. The motion made included convening the scoring committee to review scoring sheets for all ITA forms submitted. The motion also included re-opening the Intent to Apply process until April 11, however, any entity submitting during the extended period would face a 5% scoring reduction. Nine members voted in favor of the motion, with 6 opposed. The results of the LMS Scoring Committee review will be presented to the Working Group at the May 2 meeting for discussion and consideration for final ranking.



#### **4. FEMA 5-Year LMS Update**

Mr. Moore indicated the County was nearly complete in negotiating the scope of work and budget for Phase 2 of its engagement with Dewberry related to the 5-year LMS plan update required by FEMA. The update will include development of an ESRI StoryMap tool to replace the current LMS website, providing improved outreach and education capability to the public, as well as increased functionality for Working Group members. The "Planning Process" for the update is anticipated to begin at the July LMS meeting.

#### **5. Countywide Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge Vulnerability Assessment Presentation**

Mr. Moore gave an update and presentation on a Countywide vulnerability assessment funded in part by a RESTORE Act grant. WSP, Inc. was the contractor selected, with the University of Florida providing new storm surge modeling services as a sub consultant. The scope of work includes developing storm surge and tidal (sea level rise) flooding for future time periods and multiple sea level rise scenarios. Deliverables include new mapping that will express future flooding in various frequency intervals to more accurately estimate risk/probability of impacts. Infrastructure asset data will be overlaid upon the sea level rise and storm surge mapping to help determine the risk of inundation in terms of 1 day of flooding per year, 5 days, 25 days, etc. Approximately 30-40 assets determined to be vulnerable in the mapping process will undergo a detailed analysis to determine the actual depth of flooding and its financial impact to each asset specifically. A subset of five selected assets will then undergo an adaptation assessment process to determine various strategies that could be implemented to mitigate or eliminate the threat, including cost benefit analyses of those strategies to determine which may bring the best return on investment.

#### **6. Announcements/Adjournment**

Members were reminded the State will be hosting a regional HMGP applicant webinar on April 12 to allow for project-specific questions to be addressed. A reminder regarding the Florida Floodplain Managers Association to be held April 10-13 in Orlando was also provided.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.