

FORT BEND COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE & GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

Fort Bend County Commissioners Court

Workshop

01/04/2022



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Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update

- A current plan is a federal requirement to be eligible for federal mitigation grants and assistance
 - E.g., Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Plans are updated every 5 years
- Current FBC HMP was updated in 2017; FEMA final approval was granted in 2018
- Expiration date of current FBC plan: February 14, 2023



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Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, cont.

- 18 plan participants/signatories: Fort Bend County, all FBC jurisdictions (with the exception of Sugar Land), and one levee improvement district
- Plan update involves public engagement, conducting hazard identification and risk assessments for each plan signatory, developing appropriate mitigation strategies, plan development, and submitting the plan to TDEM/FEMA for review and approval
 - *This is a heavy lift!*
- Plan update must be submitted to TDEM/FEMA for review and approval prior to the current FBC plan's expiration date



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Contractor Support

- Given the amount of work and the timeline to complete the plan update in time, contractor support is *strongly* recommended
 - Fort Bend County has used contractor support for all previous HMP plan updates
- Fort Bend County HS&EM would serve at the lead/responsible entity for the plan update and any grant administration



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Grant Funding Opportunities

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - Grant application will be submitted under *two* different grant opportunities to maximize the chances FBC is awarded an HMGP grant:
 - DR 4572 (Hurricane Laura)
 - DR 4586 (Texas Winter Storm)
 - This will mean the HMGP grant application will be on the 1/11 Court agenda for approval twice – one for each grant opportunity
 - 75% federal match / 25% local match
 - **Total Amount Requested: \$169,680.00**
 - **Federal Amount: \$127,260.00**
 - **Local Amount: \$42,420.00**



Grant Funding Opportunities, cont.

- CDBG-MIT Local Hazard Mitigation Plans Program (LHMPP)
 - Grant application is currently in development
 - Grant application will be submitted to cover the local (25%) match not covered by the HMGP grant application
 - Total Amount Requested: \$169,680.00
 - Federal Amount: \$127,260.00
 - Local Amount: \$42,420.00
- If both grants are awarded, FBC will not have to put forth any local taxpayer dollars for the hazard mitigation plan update



Court Actions 1/11/2022

- At Commissioners Court on 1/11/2022:
 - The same HMGP application will be on the Court agenda twice (one DR 4572 and one for DR 4586)
 - Approval of the grant application will allow to HS&EM to submit the online grant application by the deadline of 1/15/2022



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QUESTIONS?
