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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Memorandum

TO: Ravalli County Commissioner Chairman Jeff Burrows

FROM: Kent Atwood, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

cc Ron N
Plenny Brian W.

I wanted to share some thoughts about one of the programs you may be eligible for and explain how you can apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

First the background: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal aid has been made available for the state of Montana to supplement the state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the area affected by flooding during the period of May 19 through June 3, 2013. The first of these programs is the Public Assistance Program. It is a program designed to help repair and restore disaster damages infrastructure to the affected jurisdictions. The second is the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). HMGP is intended to provide the State, Counties, Tribal Nations, and our cities and towns with funding to conduct mitigation projects, which will lessen the damage caused by future disasters. Examples of projects are elevation, acquisition or relocation of structures from flood hazard prone areas, structural hazard controls such as detention/retention basins, seismic retrofitting, or wild land fire fuels reduction to name a few.

The eligible applicants for the HMGP are local and Tribal governments with a FEMA approved Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Plan, all of which must be either unmapped or in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program. The money provided by FEMA is a 75% Federal share and a 25% Local match. The HMGP involves an application process and may be time consuming, as the projects must undergo National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scrutiny. If in large enough amounts, HMGP funds can also be used as a planning grant to update your PDM Plan if it has reached its five year expiration.

However, I would be happy to come to your jurisdiction to brief you if you feel you may have an eligible project. Please fill out the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI) and return to our mitigation office by 2 December 2013. If it appears you have an eligible project and one that possibly can be funded, we will schedule you for an applicant's briefing and at that time you will be provided the HMGP application. Your point of contact at this office is Nadene Wadsworth at 324-4785, nwadsworth@mt.gov or Kent Atwood at 406-324-4782 and katwood@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kent B. Atwood".

Kent B. Atwood



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HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

NOTICE OF INTENT

NAME/ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

DATE:

TYPE OF APPLICANT: (*Government, Private Non-profit, Indian Tribe*)

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT: (*Include address & phone numbers*)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL HAZARD TO BE MITIGATED:

LOCATION OF PROJECT:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: \$ _____

DOES YOUR LOCAL JURISDICTION HAVE AN APPROVED PDM PLAN?

YES _____ NO _____ Date of FEMA approval: _____

HAS A FEDERAL DISASTER "DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT" (DSR) OR PROJECT WORKSHEET (PW) BEEN WRITTEN FOR ANY PORTION OF THIS PROJECT?

YES _____ DSR# _____ NO _____

LIST EXPECTED SOURCES OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS OR "IN-KIND" SERVICES AND OR MATERIALS: (Normally 25%) (*List Non-federal sources -- grants, taxes, bonds, existing budgets, volunteer and in-kind labor, cash, donations, etc.*)

ISSUES TO CONSIDER WHILE CHOOSING YOUR PROJECT:

1. List Alternatives Considered to this Project and Ramifications (Very important - that the alternative # 1 be explained as to what will happen if we take no action and #2 be a project you have actually considered and would do if time and money were available, usually the money is the biggest discriminator.

a. Alternative #1: No Action _____ --

b. Alternative #2: _____

2. Project Minimum Qualifications:

- a. Project must provide beneficial impact upon the disaster area;
- b. Project must conform with environmental regulations;
- c. Project must solve a repetitive natural hazard problem; and
- d. Project must demonstrate cost-effectiveness (the value of benefits must exceed the cost: Benefit Cost ratio must be 1.0 or greater).

Signature and Title of Preparer:

(Signature and Title)

Date: _____

Your POC is Kent Atwood at 406-324-4782 or katwood@mt.gov **and/or**

Nadene Wadsworth, Hazard Mitigation Grant Officer (HMGO) at 406-324-4785,

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