



PALM BEACH COUNTY
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March 10, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call

I. **Call to Order – Welcome – Ralph Wall, Chairperson.**

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM.

II. **Roll Call – Shane Ratliff, PBCDEM**

- Started roll call at 8:53 AM
- Agency representation will be reflected in the meeting minutes
- Roll Call:
 - Atlantis – Not present
 - **Belle Glade – Present**
 - Boca Raton – Not present
 - **Boynton Beach – Present**
 - Briny Breezes – Not present
 - **Cloud Lake – Present**
 - **Delray Beach – Present**
 - Glen Ridge – Not present
 - **Golf – Present**
 - **Greenacres – Present**
 - Gulf Stream – Not present
 - Haverhill – Not present
 - Highland Beach – Not present
 - Hypoluxo – Not present
 - **Juno Beach – Present**
 - **Jupiter – Present**
 - Jupiter Inlet Colony – Not present
 - **Lake Clarke Shores – Present**
 - **Lake Park – Present**
 - **Lake Worth Beach – Present**
 - **Lantana – Present**
 - Loxahatchee Groves – Not present
 - **Manalapan – Present**
 - Mangonia Park – Not present
 - North Palm Beach – Not present
 - **Ocean Ridge – Present**
 - Pahokee – Not present
 - **Palm Beach – Present**
 - **Palm Beach Gardens – Present**
 - **Palm Beach Shores – Present**
 - **Palm Springs – Present**
 - **Port of Palm Beach – Present**
 - **Rivera Beach – Present**
 - **Royal Palm Beach – Present**
 - **Seacoast Utility – Present**
 - **SFWMD – Present**
 - South Bay – Not present
 - **South Palm Beach – Present**
 - **Tequesta – Present**
 - **Wellington – Present**
 - Westlake – Not present
 - **West Palm Beach – Present**

III. **Presentation – Town of Lake Park Storm Water Master Plan Update, John D’Agostino, Town Manager and Raul Mercado, PE, CFM**

- Raul goes over power point presentation
- **Shane:** LMS Group doesn’t fund projects – there is a process to gain funding for projects
- **Raul:** We are familiar with the process. We were able to show in the models the impact of the 40” and that’s what made it doable and boosted our BCA and FEMA was able to see that.



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IV. LMS PPL Project Spring Submission Period – Shane Ratliff, PBCDEM

- **Submission Period March 22 – April 2, 2021**
 - **Shane:** I sent out a letter stating when the official submission period is. You can submit anytime, however project evaluations are conducted just two times a year: in the spring and the fall where we evaluate projects and put them on the PPL. Login to WebEOC and start putting in your projects. You do not have to wait till the submission period starts. This is to show you when the cut off is. If you submit after the cut off, it won't be evaluated till the fall. You can submit year around.
- **Evaluation Period April 7 – 23, 2021**
 - There will be a two week period, between April 7th and April 23rd when the Evaluation Panel will evaluate all the projects that were submitted before the cutoff date.
- **Evaluation Panel Virtual Meeting TBD between April 26 – May 6**
 - An “in person” (now virtual) meeting will take place sometime between April 26th and May 6th. If there is something that's not clear in your submission then they will ask you to explain what's in your submission. You will not be able to add or submit any new information, but you are able to clarify the submission that you've already turned in.
- **Steering Committee Approves new PPL May 12, 2021**
 - The Steering Committee will approve the ranked PPL after the evaluation panel is done. At that point (that day or next) we send it to the State. This is significant for Hurricane Dorian NOFA that has a deadline of May 24. If you have a project that you want on there for Hurricane Dorian HMGP funding, you have to get it in at this time and get it ranked.
- **New Projects can be entered at any time, do not have to wait till March 22**
- **All documents located on our LMS Webpage pbcgov.com/dem**
 - When you get to that page, to go programs and services, go to LMS and it will take you to the page. Information on how to submit and step by step on how to submit a project in WebEOC and get it submitted correctly are on that page.

V. Questions/Comments – Ralph Wall, Chairperson

- **Ralph:** I tried to login to WebEOC yesterday and wasn't able to login. Maybe after this meeting you can help me with that Shane.



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- **Shane:** I attached the mitigate Florida slideshow that they did yesterday from the first quarter. 58 slides, you may be interested in the new legislative stuff on flooding, etc. I wanted to talk about the HMGP update, FMAG grants and HLMP update. This is the only time I know how much funding is allocated to these areas:
- **HMGP Updates:**
 - **DR-4399 Hurricane Michael:** So far only \$10,343,872 was allocated for that disaster. This is only 2.76% of the total approved funding.
 - **DR-4337 Hurricane Irma:** The total funding approved for Hurricane Irma is \$236,812,247 which is only 41.91%. If you haven't heard that your project has been approved, that doesn't mean you're out of the game. They're less than half way there. You may still get awarded if you submitted a project for Hurricane Irma.
 - **FMAG grants:** Used to be done by the US Fire Administration. Those have been transferred into FEMA. We can't submit for those unless there's a wildfire in our area. They've given out about 75% of the money for that. That goes back to the Fire Department for their expenses for fighting wildfires.
 - **DR-4283 Hurricane Matthew:** Some of you have applied for this. They have approved \$20,933,662 which is only 42.87% of the total amount. If you have applied for those projects then they are still less than half way on awarding funding to those projects.
 - **DR-4280 Hurricane Hermine:** So far, \$7,745,158 which is 61.64% of the total funding has been awarded to projects. I do not think PBC was in Tier 1 for this hurricane, and don't know of any projects we have that applied.
 - **DR-4468 Hurricane Dorian:** The lock in for the state is \$24,827,818. Only a limited number of counties will be splitting up that 24 million dollars. These tier one counties are: Brevard, Broward, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Osceola, Palm Beach, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie and Volusia. Around 3.9 million of that will be allocated to Palm Beach County. If your project is already on the PPL, you can apply now, but if you want to get a new project on the PPL to apply, you won't be able to apply until the new PPL is approved on May 12th.
 - **Submission changes:** The HMGP now has a 100% digital option for submitting projects. You don't have to do copies that you have to submit here and there, you can submit everything online. That starts with the Hurricane Dorian NOFA. The system they are



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planning on using has not been completed yet, but they are hoping they can get any fixes completed by March 31st. So you will be able to submit online after that and it's first come first served.

Until then, and if the submission site isn't fixed by then, they have an FTP site that you must request access to, and they will send you the link and you can upload everything to their FTP site. They will still accept hard copies, but one copy still has to be uploaded to the FTP site. They will not accept thumb drives or CDs anymore, you will have to upload to the FTP site. More details are on the NOFA that I sent to you. Contact people (Kathleen & Jared) are on there if you need more help or clarification on the process.

- **Non-disaster Grant Updates:**
 - **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** Deadline for submission was in November 2020. They received 22 applications of which 17 projects were submitted to FEMA for a total of \$6,127,496.
 - **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Funding:** Also had a November 2020 deadline. 68 project were submitted. Out of those, 20 projects were submitted to FEMA for a total of \$195,370,361. Not sure which ones did and which ones did not make it. I have asked them to send us a list of which ones moved forward and which ones did not move forward. They said they would send the LMS coordinators around the state a project update.
- **Hurricane Loss Mitigation Plan Update:** The HLMP is the only state funded mitigation program in the nation. The program has expired and it is up for reauthorization this year. Reauthorization is being submitted as Senate Bill 168 was reintroduced on 3/2/21, so if you have anyone who works for you who does legislative affairs, let them know that's something you're in favor of.
 - **Ralph:** What is a planning/development type of project for HLMP?
 - **Shane:** I don't know if planning projects are allowed under that because it's a state grant and not a federal grant. I think it's for like tie downs and hardening of smaller structures. Anything that's hurricane related. You can go to their webpage and find out information about what project types are eligible.
 - **Ralph:** Any other questions at this time?
 - **Rick:** We deal with grants all the time and we are always coming up with a percentage match. Is that what these FEMA grants are as well? (someone put call on hold)



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- **Shane:** Usually 25%, 75% or less of a match. Rick, at this point if you want to reach out to me offline, we can discuss it.

VI. **Next Meeting Date: June 9, 2021, at 9:00am (virtual)**

VII. **Adjournment – Ralph Wall, Chairperson**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM



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