



UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Hazard Mitigation... A GREAT community investment worthy of your time!

Hazard Mitigation! GET EXCITED! ...A Hazard Mitigation Plan helps your community identify potential risks and how best to prevent (mitigate) those risks. This means ways to make your community a safer place to live! It also could mean federal and state grant money for your community!

Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 mandated the legal requirement of hazard mitigation planning for all communities. Of note: If your community chooses not to create a FEMA approved plan you risk delayed and/or denied state and federal disaster recovery funding in the event of a disaster in your community.

Two types of hazard mitigation grants: Planning Grants and Project Grants

- Currently, to receive BOTH types of grants, your community (if mapped for flood) must be participating and compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Mapped for flood and not participating and/or compliant with NFIP? Currently, you are only eligible for Planning Grant funds

HOW?

- Step 1: Work with Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC) to create a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation (HM) plan
- Step 2: Have community adoption of plan
- Step 3: Get the HM plan approved at State and Federal levels
- Step 4: If eligible, apply for Project Grant funding! IE: How we will become NFIP Compliant

YES! LET'S SUBMIT FOR A PLANNING GRANT!

Pre-Planning Grant Funding

1. Community Actions to Take
 - a. Sign Pre-Contractual Resolution
 - i. Agree to set aside worst case scenario funds: 25%
 1. 75% Federally Funded
 2. 10% State Funded (anticipated)
 3. 15% Locally Funded. CAN be met completely via "in-kind"
 - a. Note: UERPC policy is to NOT bill before the HM plan is FEMA approved
 - ii. Identify and approve Authorized Representative
 - iii. Identify if single or multi-jurisdictional application
 1. If multi-jurisdictional, at County level: Application will be submitted by and Contract for Services will be signed
 - b. Begin identification of Hazard Mitigation Committee (HMC) personnel
 - i. If you have 7 people on HMC and 20 volunteers are at HMC meeting? All 20 count!
 - ii. Being paid? Can NOT be counted toward in-kind
 - iii. Anticipated HMC Meeting duration: 1 ½ hours
 - iv. Anticipated HMC Meeting count: 4+
 - v. Urban & Regional Planners Rate: \$25.34
 - vi. IE: 7 people in 1 hr long mtg at rate of \$25.34 = 7 x 1 x \$25.34 = \$177.38 toward in-kind
2. UERPC Actions to Take
 - a. Submit grant application to Homeland Security and FEMA, expecting approval in 6+ weeks
 - b. Provide copies of application to communities affected

Post-Planning Grant Funding

1. Community Actions to Take
 - a. Review funding dissemination
 - b. Sign resolution to appoint HMC
2. UERPC Actions to Take
 - a. Collaborate with HMC to create a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan
3. Community Actions to Take
 - a. Approve and Adopt the plan
 - b. Review and Update the plan as required

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LIST OF HAZARDS
Natural and Human Caused

**(2008) FEMA only requires that you address natural hazards in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The state of Iowa has addressed all hazards in our State Hazard Mitigation Plan because we see the benefit in evaluating all hazards with potential to affect the citizens of this state. Our state plan is the blueprint of hazard risk analysis for many programs other than just federal programs that fund natural hazard mitigation projects that can demonstrate positive benefit/cost ratios.

NOTE: You must address each of the natural hazards identified in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan in your local plan. If a natural hazard does not apply to your jurisdiction then a narrative of the reasoning why it was determined to not be a hazard at your location must included in your plan. Then you can go on to a more in-depth analysis of the hazards that do apply to your jurisdiction. The following are the natural hazards identified in the State Plan. (**Source State Hazard Mitigation Plan, Section 1.3 Risk Assessment, p. 7**) and the Human caused/combination hazards, (These do not have to be part of your LHMP for FEMA approval, we do recommend you include any that are known to have a likely hazard risk to your jurisdiction) Remember the LHMP is for your community to better understand, evaluate and plan appropriate and feasible mitigation actions and projects to address all the hazards that affect your jurisdiction. It is in the community's best interest to address any valid hazards. Please see the State Hazard Mitigation Plan for assistance in determining what areas of the state are vulnerable to a given natural hazard.

NATURAL HAZARDS	HUMAN Caused/Combination Hazards
Flash Floods	Human Disease Pandemic
Tornadoes	Fixed Hazardous Materials
Windstorms	Transportation Hazardous Materials
Extreme Heat	Structural Fire
Hailstorms	Cyber Terrorism
Grass or Wild land Fire	Highway Transportation Incident
Sink Holes	Air Transportation Incident
River Flooding	Rail Transportation Incident
Severe Winter Storms	Bioterrorism
Levee Failure	Radiological Terrorism
Drought	Enemy Attack
Earthquake	Pipeline Transportation Incident
Landslide	Fixed Radiological Incident
Dam Failure	Chemical Terrorism
Expansive Soils	Agro-Terrorism
Thunderstorm & Lightning	Human Disease Incident
	Waterway Incident
	Energy Failure
	Conventional Terrorism
	Public Disorder
	Structural Failure
	Communications Failure
	Animal/Plant/Crop Disease
	Radiological Transportation

In establishing a planning team, you want to ensure that you have a broad range of backgrounds and experiences represented. Below are some suggestions for agencies to include in a planning team. There are many organizations, both governmental and community-based, that should be included when creating a local team. In addition, state organizations can be included on local teams, when appropriate, to serve as a source of information and to provide guidance and coordination.

Use the checklist as a starting point for forming your team. Check the boxes beside any individuals or organizations that you have in your community/state that you believe should be included on your planning team so you can follow up with them.

Task A. Create the planning team – Suggestions for team members. Date: _____

Local/Tribal

- Administrator/Manager's Office
- Budget/Finance Office
- Building Code Enforcement Office
- City/County Attorney's Office
- Economic Development Office
- Emergency Preparedness Office
- Fire and Rescue Department
- Hospital Management
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Planning and Zoning Office
- Police/Sheriff's Department
- Public Works Department
- Sanitation Department
- School Board
- Transportation Department
- Tribal Leaders
- Special Districts and Authorities**
- Airport and Seaport Authorities
- Business Improvement District(s)
- Fire Control District
- Flood Control District
- Redevelopment Agencies
- Regional/Metropolitan Planning Organization(s)
- School District(s)
- Transit/Transportation Agencies

Others

- Architectural/Engineering/Planning Firms
- Citizen Corps
- Colleges/Universities
- Land Developers
- Major Employers/Businesses
- Professional Associations
- Retired Professionals

State

- Adjutant General's Office (National Guard)
- Board of Education
- Building Code Office
- Climatologist
- Earthquake Program Manager
- Economic Development Office
- Emergency Management Office/State Hazard Mitigation Officer
- Environmental Protection Office
- Fire Marshal's Office
- Geologist
- Homeland Security Coordinator's Office
- Housing Office
- Hurricane Program Manager
- Insurance Commissioner's Office
- National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator
- Natural Resources Office
- Planning Agencies
- Police
- Public Health Office
- Public Information Office
- Tourism Department

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- American Red Cross
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community/Faith-Based Organizations
- Environmental Organizations
- Homeowners Associations
- Neighborhood Organizations
- Private Development Agencies
- Utility Companies
- Other Appropriate NGOs

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The Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC) was created in 1972 to promote regional cooperation and meet the planning and economic development needs of local governments in the five Northeast Iowa counties of Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek.

Current Programs include, but are not limited to:

- Community Development
- Disability Navigator Program
- Economic Development
- Emergency Public Jobs (EPJ) Program
 - Currently available through June 2010
- Jumpstart Iowa Program
- Planning
- Region 1 Employment and Training
- Regional Housing Authority (RHA)
 - Rental Assistance
- NE Iowa Safety Alliance
 - OSHA Training
- Transportation Planning

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