Partnering Outside Your Agency

AAPA Emergency Preparation, Response & Recovery Seminar

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

SPEAKER: Allison Davis Atkinson, CSRS
The Keys to a More Effective Disaster Recovery

- Ability to cash flow recovery expenses effectively
- Strength of relationships with recovery partners (internally and externally)
Partnerships

**Informal:**
- Funding Agencies
- States/Grantees
- Counties/Parishes
- Elected Officials

**Formal:**
- EMAC
- MOAs
- Employees
- Contracts

AAPA Seminar: Partnering Outside Your Agency
### Key Partners Providing Federal Disaster Assistance

**Follow the $:**
FEMA and HUD – 2 major sources of federal disaster funding usually do not flow down to/are not managed by the same state agency.

### Key disaster assistance providers to sub-grantees*:

- **FEMA Public Assistance & Hazard Mitigation Programs**
  - Texas: TDEM
  - Louisiana: GOHSEP
  - Florida: FDEM, etc.

- **HUD CDBG-DR/MIT Programs**
  - Texas: GLO
  - Louisiana: OCD
  - Florida: DEO, etc.

*Does not include USACE or USCG (debris removal, response etc.)

---

AAPA Seminar: Partnering Outside Your Agency
Key Partners: Your Elected Officials

political solutions + technical data = tough eligibility issue resolution
County/Parish Partners for Mitigation Planning

Mitigation Funding sources:

- FEMA HMGP (if impacted by a federally declared disaster)
- FEMA PDM and FMA (new funding source BRIC coming out next year)
- HUD CDBG-DR/CDBG-MIT (if appropriated by Congress)
Some mitigation programs require sub-grantees to participate in the NFIP to be eligible for planning funding (but no requirement for HMGP or PDM hazard mitigation planning applications). Certain political subdivisions may apply and act as subrecipients if they are part of a community participating in the NFIP.
County/Parish Partners for Mitigation Planning

- Existing Plans may not be up to date, detailed, or inclusive as they can/should be.
- Coordinate with your county/parish to ensure your Port Authority’s mitigation needs are being incorporated.
Formal Partnership Arrangements: EMAC

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

- Establishes a legal foundation for sharing resources between states
- Administered through the state emergency management agencies
Formal Partnership Arrangements: EMAC

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

- Allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response/recovery efforts in other states
- Allows affected sub-grantees communicate the specific needs to the state emergency management agency
- Allows affected state emergency management agency to route the resource requests
Formal Partnership Agreements: MOAs

Memorandums of Agreement (a.k.a. MOUs, CEAs, etc.)

- Written document describing a cooperative relationship between 2 entities
- Direct engagement (not using a 3rd party)
Formal Partnership Agreements: MOAs

Memorandums of Agreement (a.k.a. MOUs, CEAs, etc.)

- Usually includes:
  - Purpose, Scope, Roles/Responsibilities, Payment Schedule if Applicable, Duration, Modification Terms, and Signatures of Parties
Formal Partners: Your Internal Staff

• Build relationships, open communication pathways, and train the staff who will be responsible for the various facets of any future disaster recovery operation

• Simulations: They’re not just for disaster response!
  o Know how a recovery will be managed (based on different scales of disaster/phases)
  o Lay out your command and support structure longer-term recovery operations.

• Recognize that recovery operations take staff away from daily duties for a long time; may need to build capacity and/or have a dedicated recovery staff
Formally Contracted Partnerships: Insurance

1. Flood
2. Wind/Other Perils (with Named Storms Rider)
3. Earthquake
4. Business Interruption
Formally Contracted Partnerships: Recovery Specialists

5 TYPES OF NEEDED PRE-POSITIONED CONTRACTS

1. Debris Removal
2. Debris Monitoring
3. Facility Remediation
4. Project & Grants Management
5. A/E Services (pool)
Formally Contracted Partnerships: Recovery Specialists

5 TYPES OF NEEDED PRE-POSITIONED CONTRACTS

• All procurements must be federally compliant
• A Project/Grants Management Consultant can help develop properly procured RFPs/RFQs for the 4 other types of needed pre-positioned contracts
• Management costs are reimbursable in FEMA and HUD recovery grants
Questions

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Allison Davis Atkinson
Disaster Recovery Program Delivery Director
allison.davis@csrsinc.com
504-232-1416
www.csrsinc.com