



Key West Fire Department

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & TRAINING
MEMORANDUM
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: October 22, 2010

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
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FROM: Craig Marston, Division Chief, Emergency Management and Training

SUBJECT: Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) - 2010

ACTION STATEMENT:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires periodic updates to the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS). The last update was completed and adopted by the City Commission, 9 September 2005 by resolution; # 05-287.

FEMA also requires formal adoption of a LMS, by county and respective municipalities. This recognition is required by FEMA for state and federal grant applications. The requested resolution is in compliance with Florida Administrative Code 9G-22

STRATEGIC PLAN:

In 2000 Congress enacted the Disaster Mitigation Act, which mandates all local governments in the United States prepare local mitigation strategies to reduce vulnerability and risk associated with future growth and development. These strategies must be approved by both the State Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

CITIZEN BENEFIT:

The nature of the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group is very participatory since disasters can potentially affect the entire population of Monroe County. Membership in the Working Group is open to all jurisdictions, organizations and individuals, supporting its purposes and participation is voluntary by all entities.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, Monroe County adopted a Local Mitigation Strategy with a revision for 2005. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, requires local jurisdictions to adopt a local mitigation plan in order to be eligible for post-disaster and pre-disaster grants to implement mitigation grants. Additionally, for local jurisdictions to remain eligible for flood mitigation grants, adoption of the LMS is required.

The 2010 LMS Update was prepared to comply with the Florida Department of Community Affairs' requirements (Florida Administrative Code Chapter 9G-22) and the provisions of the federal Hazard Mitigation and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Programs (44 CFR Parts 201 and 206), and the Flood Mitigation

Assistance Program (44 CFR 78.6). Communities and the non-profit organizations located in them must participate in a mitigation planning process that results in an adopted strategy that is approved by FEMA in order to qualify for certain federal mitigation funds.

OPTIONS / ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES:

- Not to adopt the Local Mitigation Strategy – 2010 as revised.
 - This option is not recommended. Adoption is required by the Robert T. Stafford Act and as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for a community’s eligibility for post-disaster and pre-disaster mitigation grants.

- Adopt the Local Mitigation Strategy – 2010 as revised.
 - This option is recommended. The City of Key West has been represented throughout the revision process. Adoption will maintain the City’s eligibility for post-disaster and pre-disaster mitigation grants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of the LMS is critical for the City’s continued eligibility to apply for various mitigation grants. Since 2005 the Local Mitigation Strategy provided application for over \$30,000,000 in mitigation grants. Key West represented 75% of the total requests, receiving over \$10,000,000 in mitigation assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval for this request.

* Attached is “recommended / suggested” language from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Commission Resolution is under separate cover.