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## MEMORANDUM

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January 7, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator *Eric*  
Vernon Gerth, ACA - Community and Economic Development  
Gary Luffman, Director Building and Neighborhood Services  
Tom Marsh, Zoning and Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: Situation Update – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application

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### Purpose

The purpose of this discussion is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with additional information regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and an update on the response from interested citizens and staff preparation of the City's application.

### Background/Discussion

Following the historic floods that occurred in May of 2010, the City of Franklin has worked with Tennessee Emergency Management to explore grant opportunities for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The following is a timeline and summary of the actions to date related to HMGP:

- Staff conducted the Public Information Meeting for interested citizens on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Deadline was set for October 25<sup>th</sup> for property owners to submit letters of interest
- Ultimately, 25 property owners presented initial statement of interest for 26 properties
- 1 property owner with 2 properties withdrew both from consideration
- Of 24 properties, staff saw 19 as good candidates for consideration and began working to assemble the detailed information required
- Received official notice of eligibility from TEMA on 12/27/2010 (see enclosure)
  - Application for HMGP funds due to the May 2010 Presidential Disaster Declaration is broken into 3 phases
  - **Phase 1** allows applications for acquisition of residential homes located in the floodplain
    - Application deadline for Phase 1 is **March 31, 2011**
    - City of Franklin "share" for Phase 1 is **\$1,133,097**, which includes federal, state and local shares
      - Federal share (25%) - \$849,823
      - State share (12.5%) - \$141,637
      - COF share (12.5%) - \$141,637
  - **Phase 2** accepts applications for projects that mitigate potential flood and/or tornado damage, i.e., drainage improvement, flood control, reinforced corridors, etc.



- Communication from TEMA indicates that a Phase 2 application could also include additional property acquisitions
- Application deadline for Phase 2 is **June 30, 2011**
- No dedicated “share” of funds for Phase 2; distributions based on funds remaining after Phase 1 awards are determined
- **Phase 3** allows applications that mitigate any natural hazard
  - **Only if funds available**
  - Application deadline for Phase 3 (if any funds available) is **September 30, 2011**
  - All entities can apply, not limited to those with disasters declared in the may floods
- Total funds available of \$1,133,097 greatly limits what City can accomplish with Phase 1 – anticipate 5 or 6 homes
- Revisit criteria for selecting properties – discussed with BOMA in September
  - Substantially damaged properties located in the floodplain
  - Properties not substantially damaged, but in floodplain and benefit community from a mitigation standpoint
  - Higher priority given to properties located actually in or close to floodway not just floodway fringe
  - Does the geographic location represent a benefit to City?
  - What are the anticipated long term maintenance costs?

### Financial Impact

The City must purchase homes and then is reimbursed by FEMA. Based on the grant funding identified, the total amount of expenses that will not be reimbursed will be at least \$141,637.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that a staff recommendation be prepared and presented to the Board based on the criteria described above. Based on Board direction, staff will prepare a formal application to TEMA for consideration.

### Enclosure

TEMA Notice of Eligibility

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December 20, 2010

The Honorable John Schroer  
Mayor, City of Franklin  
P.O. Box 305  
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Mayor Schroer:

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency is pleased to announce the availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds due to the May 2010 Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA-1909-DR-TN).

Application submittal will be broken into three phases. The first phase allows applications for acquisition of residential homes located in the floodplain; the deadline for Phase I submission of applications is March 31, 2011. The second phase accepts applications for projects that mitigate flood and/or tornado, i.e., drainage improvement, flood control, reinforced corridors, etc.; the deadline for Phase II submission of applications is June 30, 2011. The third phase (if funds are still available) allows applications that mitigate any natural hazard with an application submission deadline of September 30, 2011. Only entities declared in the May floods may apply in Phases I and II. All entities can apply in Phase III.

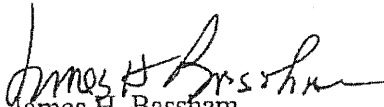
To ensure every jurisdiction declared by the May 2010 flooding has an opportunity to apply for HMGP funds, an allocation has been determined for Phase I. The allocation is based on a calculation of the proportional share of the total federal assistance received from the Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA) programs. Your jurisdiction's share is \$1,133,097.00, which includes a 75 percent Federal Share of \$849,823.00, a 12.5 percent State Share of \$141,637.00, and a 12.5 Local Share of \$141,637.00. Any funds not utilized by a jurisdiction will be used for Phase II application submissions.

HMGP funding is available to jurisdictions that (1) have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and (2) is a member of good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Only eligible applicants may apply for funds. There are additional funds available for communities in good standing with the NFIP that wish to develop their local hazard mitigation plan.

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If you have any questions, or need technical assistance in developing an application, please contact Mrs. Judith L. Huff, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at 615.717.2506 or [jhuff@tnema.org](mailto:jhuff@tnema.org).

Sincerely,

  
James H. Bassham  
Director

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cc: Local Emergency Management Director  
TEMA Regional Director