

Disaster Mitigation and Disaster Response Resourcing Read Ahead Material
for
7 February 2020 Council of Governors Plenary Session

Line of Effort 1: Identify disaster mitigation gaps and recommend actions

For review and consideration by the Council of Governors: The National Mitigation Investment Strategy (“NMIS” or Investment Strategy) is a single national strategy for advancing mitigation investment to reduce risks posed by natural hazards (for example, sea level rise, droughts, floods, hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, earthquakes) and increasing the nation’s resilience to natural hazards. The Investment Strategy’s objective is to identify and measure the effectiveness of mitigation investments, and inform decisions on when and where to make investments. The Investment Strategy encourages the whole community—including individuals—to invest in mitigation, pre- and post-disaster, by adopting the Investment Strategy’s three shared goals. Supporting recommendations focus specifically on how the Federal Government and nonfederal partners can identify, support, influence, and align whole community mitigation investments.

National Mitigation Investment Strategy (DHS, August 2019).

Supporting documents include the following attachments:

Recommendations on Realignment of Federal Mitigation Programs (NEMA, August 2019)

Mitigations Framework Leadership Group Response to the Council of Governors Disaster Mitigation Working Group (January 2020)

Advancing the National Mitigation Investment Strategy (MitFLG)

MitFLG Investment Strategy Roster

Line of Effort 2: Develop catalog of resources (e.g., best practices, list of available resources, etc.)

Region V Mitigation Funding Resource Guide: Ohio. Developed by FEMA Region V and the State of Ohio, this is a comprehensive catalog of resources which can be adopted by the states, territories and the District. It is a goal of FEMA Region V to advance mitigation action across the Region’s six states and 34 tribal nations. Advancing mitigation action is not easy and requires significant, varying resources. These resources may include grants, loans, technical assistance, and in-kind services, among others. Recognizing the many funding programs that currently exist across various Federal departments and agencies, this guide was developed to compile this information and make it accessible to those who want to advance mitigation action in their communities.

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Line of Effort 3: Examine the use of military training to support domestic disaster responses. As appropriate, recommend changes to DoD policy for consideration by the Council of Governors and Federal principals.

This line of effort was suspended at the recommendation of the lead states (NE and HI) during the October Intersession call to allow the Department of Defense to resolve policy differences regarding the use of training resources in response to domestic disasters.

Line of Effort 4: Examine Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) standards, procedures, and budgeting practices. As appropriate, recommend uniform standards, procedures, and budgeting practices for consideration by the Council of Governors.

This line of effort is not active within the Council of Governors working group. The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) is responsible for the administration of the EMAC system and has provided the following update on their work by the EMAC Advisory Group, the EMAC Executive Task Force, the EMAC Committee and the Special Assignment Task Force on Reimbursement. The focus of this effort, executed in part as a result of Council efforts in 2018, is to standardize and increase the efficiency, to the extent possible, of state to state processes for EMAC reimbursement.

Completed: Review and update the Mission Order Authorization Form (Mission Order)

Completed: Integrate updates for the Mission Order Authorization Form (Mission Order) into the EMAC Operations System (EOS)

Completed: Review and update the Reimbursement Eligibility Guidelines Document

Completed: The development of the standardized cost tracking template is completed. The state emergency management agencies are testing the form following the completion of the pilot form test by Ohio.

In-Progress: Working with the EMAC Executive Task Force and the Reimbursement SATF on mock-ups for integrating reimbursement into the EOS

Course Scripts Completed: Pilot Course is In-Progress Review and update the online course - EMAC Reimbursement for State Emergency Management Agencies

March 2020: Finalize EMAC reimbursement guidance within the updated EMAC Operations Manual

June 2020: Explore the expansion of EMAC reimbursement tracking in the EMAC Operations System to upload documents

On-Going: Encourage State Emergency Management Directors to prioritize EMAC reimbursement