

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9-F: HAMPTON ROADS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

SUBJECT:

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Application on behalf of Hampton Roads.

BACKGROUND:

By Code of Federal Regulations 44, Title 201.6, each locality must have a hazard mitigation plan in place that is updated and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at least once every five years to remain eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation assistance funds. In general, a mitigation plan takes two to three years to complete. FEMA offsets the costs of writing/updating mitigation plans by providing Federal funds with a 25% local match requirement.

In 2011, the HRPDC facilitated the updates of the Franklin, Southampton and Southside Hampton Roads Mitigation Plans. HRPDC staff are currently facilitating the update to Poquoson's plan that is required by September 14, 2014. Chesapeake is updating its plan that expires in April 2014. The HRPDC met the 25% match requirement by tracking local and regional in-kind support.

If awarded, planning grant funds remaining from last year's derecho will support the development of a consolidated regional hazard mitigation plan that will incorporate the Poquoson and Chesapeake updates and serve as the updates for the current Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, Peninsula Hazard Mitigation Plan, Franklin All Hazards Mitigation Plan, and Southampton All Hazards Mitigation Plan that will all expire in 2016. Through FEMA and with the approval of the Commission, HRPDC staff intends to submit a grant application requesting funds to support the development of a consolidated Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan to be accomplished by early 2016.

There is \$200,139.00 in funds available from FEMA to cover 75% of the project cost. HRPDC will track in-kind costs to meet the 25% requirement of \$66,713.00. The total cost of the project over three years will be \$266,852.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application for the Hampton Roads Mitigation Plan and to accept the grant if awarded.