Federal Emergency Management Agency
Public Assistance Grant Program

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Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide

FP 104-009-2 / January 1, 2017

FEMA

PA Eligibility Thresholds (FFY'21)

Statewide

- $1.55 per capita…
- = $1 million

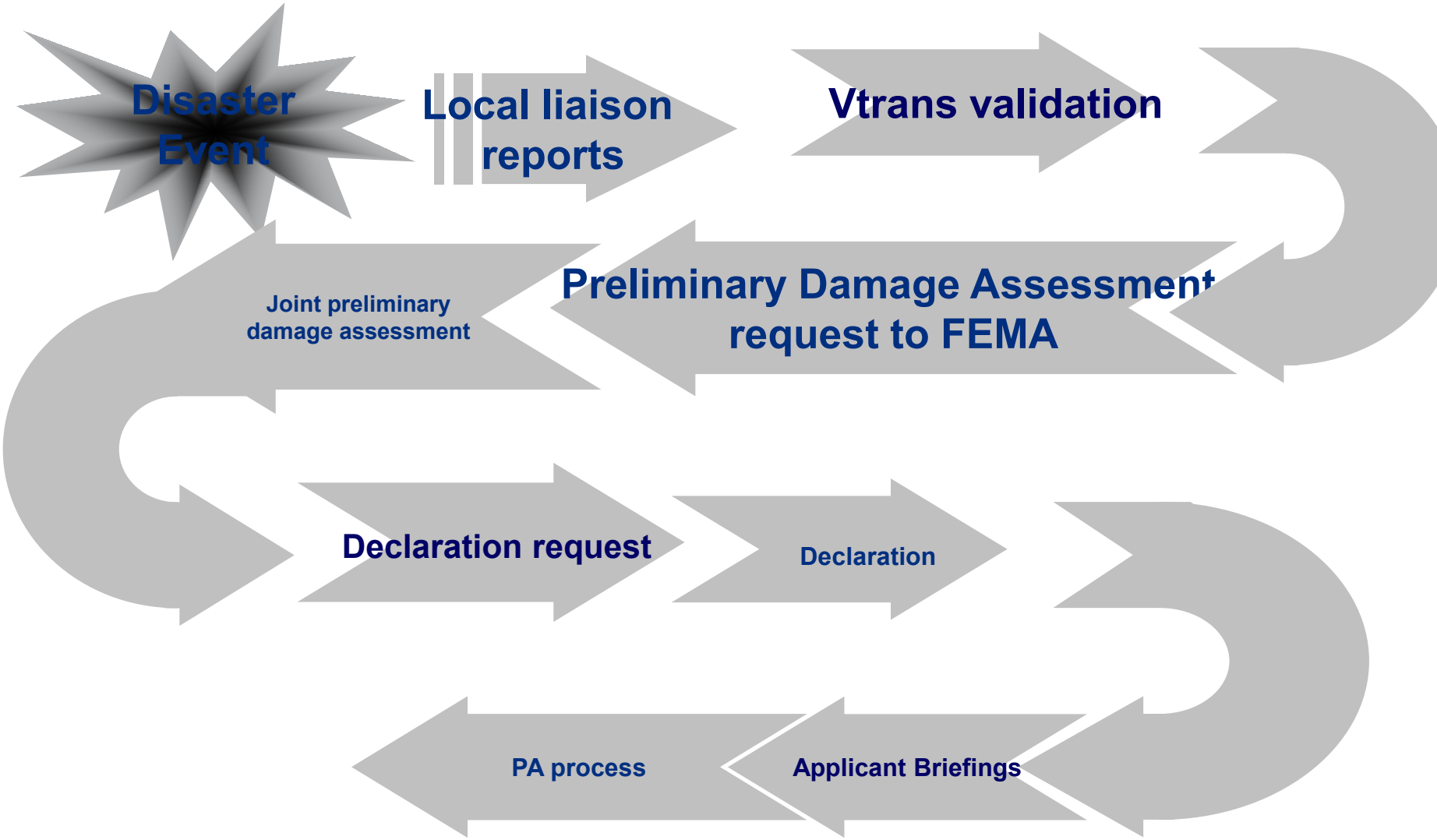
AND…

By County

- $3.89/capita x 2010 county census

Addison	143,234
Bennington	144,416
Caledonia	121,473
Chittenden	608,960
Essex	24,530
Franklin	185,732
Grand Isle	27,113
Lamoille	95,208
Orange	112,561
Orleans	105,929
Rutland	239,787
Washington	231,587
Windham	173,156
Windsor	220,446

The initial process when a disaster strikes



SAMPLE -- Disaster Fact Sheet

Disaster number: DR4330-VT

Declaration date: Declared on August 16, 2017

Type of disaster: ”Severe Storms and Flooding
Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance”

Incident period: June 29- July 1, 2017

Designated counties: Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Orange, Rutland Washington, Windsor

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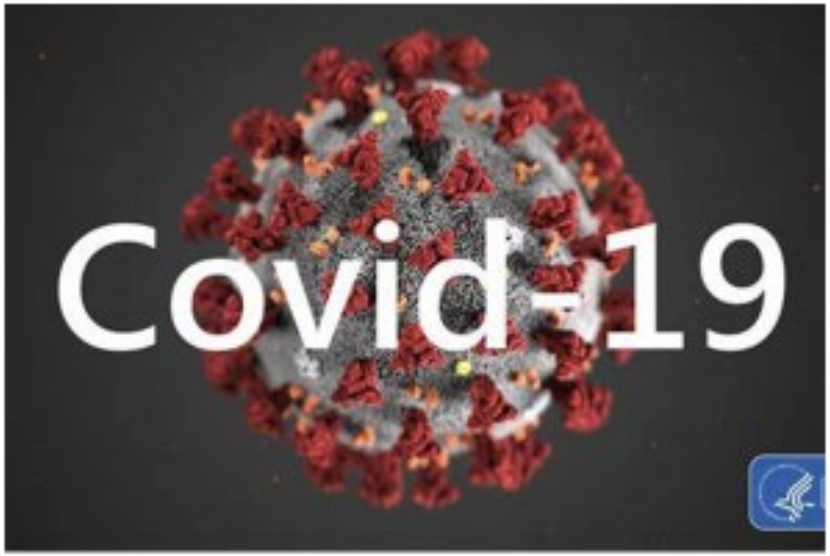
FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program and Grants Portal

EM-3437 / DR-4532

Applicant Briefing #3 – 05-04-20



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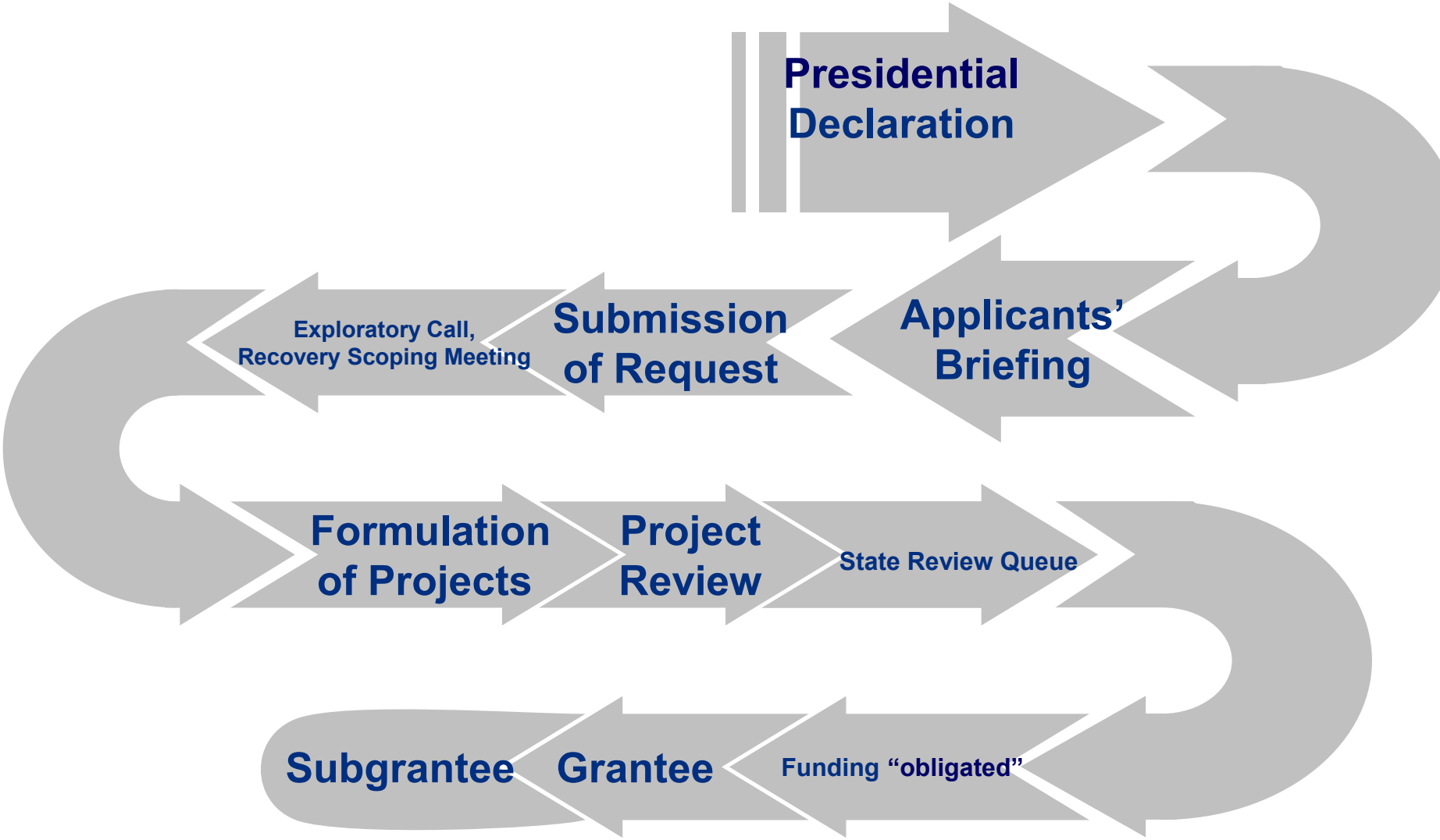
The Public Assistance Process



Four considerations for eligibility

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

O.M.B. NO. 1660-0017
Expires April 30, 2013

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APPLICANT (Political subdivision or eligible applicant)	DATE SUBMITTED
COUNTY (Location of Damages. If located in multiple counties, please indicate)	DUNS NUMBER

APPLICANT PHYSICAL LOCATION

STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from Physical Location)

STREET ADDRESS			
POST OFFICE BOX	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

Primary Contact/Applicant's Authorized Agent	Alternate Contact
NAME	NAME
TITLE	TITLE
BUSINESS PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE
FAX NUMBER	FAX NUMBER
HOME PHONE (Optional)	HOME PHONE (Optional)
CELL PHONE	CELL PHONE
E-MAIL ADDRESS	E-MAIL ADDRESS
PAGER & PIN NUMBER	PAGER & PIN NUMBER

Did you participate in the Federal/State Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Private Non-Profit Organization? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, which of the facilities identified below best describe your organization? _____

Title 44 CFR, part 206.221(e) defines an eligible private non-profit facility as: "... any private non-profit educational, utility, emergency, medical or custodial care facility, including a facility for the aged or disabled, and other facility providing essential governmental type services to the general public, and such facilities on Indian reservations." "Other essential governmental service facility means museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, rehabilitation facilities, shelter workshops and facilities which provide health and safety safety services of a governmental nature. All such facilities must be open to the general public."

Private Non-Profit Organizations must attach copies of their Tax Exemption Certificate and Organization Charter or By-Laws. If your organization is a school or educational facility, please attach information on accreditation or certification.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: FEMA - _____ -DR- _____ - _____ FIPS# _____ DATE RECEIVED _____

Two Types of Eligible Work

Emergency Work

- Category A – debris removal
- Category B – emergency protective measures

Permanent Work…

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Permanent Work- categories C-G

C- Roads and Bridges

D- Water control facilities

E- Buildings and Equipment

F- Utilities

G- Parks, Recreation and Public Cemeteries

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Project Completion Deadlines

Time limits for project completion begin on the disaster declaration date.

- Emergency work – 6 months
- Permanent work – 18 months

The State has authority to extend the period of performance for an additional 6 months for emergency work and up to an additional 30 months for permanent work on a case-by-case basis. Beyond that, only FEMA Region 1 can authorize additional extensions.

Applicants must submit a Time Extension request to the State before the Period of Performance runs out.

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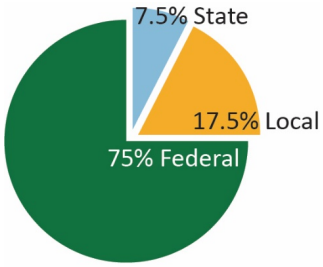
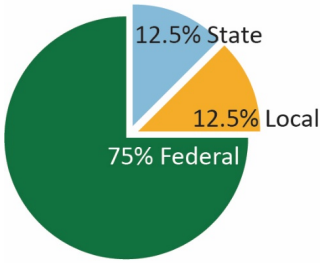
Emergency Relief & Assistance Fund (ERAF) Criteria

Public Assistance Funding Post-Disaster:

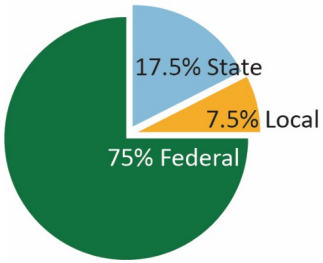
- No Action/Not Meeting All Criteria



- National Flood Insurance Program
- Road and Bridge Standards
- Local Emergency Management Plan
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan



- River Corridor Protection [or]
- Community Rating System



http://floodready.vermont.gov/

Undersized structure destroyed by Irene and replaced to meet standards

Wilmington, VT -- Hayes Road Bridge
Town Highway #17 Bridge 46

The original version of the PW for the Haynes Road bridge was for $190,000 for repairs. The total actual cost captured in the close-out version was $517,867.

Flexiblity to rebuild better/stronger/more resilient…

Improved Projects

- Increasing size, capacity, or adding additional functions
- Applicants must fill out a request or an Improved project and submit with a letter from the Town to the State for FEMA's approval.
- Improvements are at applicant's expense
- Must be approved PRIOR to construction

Alternate Projects

- Doing something different instead of replacing!
- Applicants must fill out a request with all necessary documentation for the new project, and submit with a letter from the Town for FEMA's approval.
- Must be approved PRIOR to construction

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Questions?

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Hazard Mitigation

...huh?

Hazard Mitigation is:

Any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property due to natural or man-made disasters.

…so basically, **removing the vulnerability**.

Mitigation Planning

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Vermont's 2018 State Hazard Mitigation Plan

A SAFE AND RESILIENT VERMONT

in the face of climate change and natural disasters.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

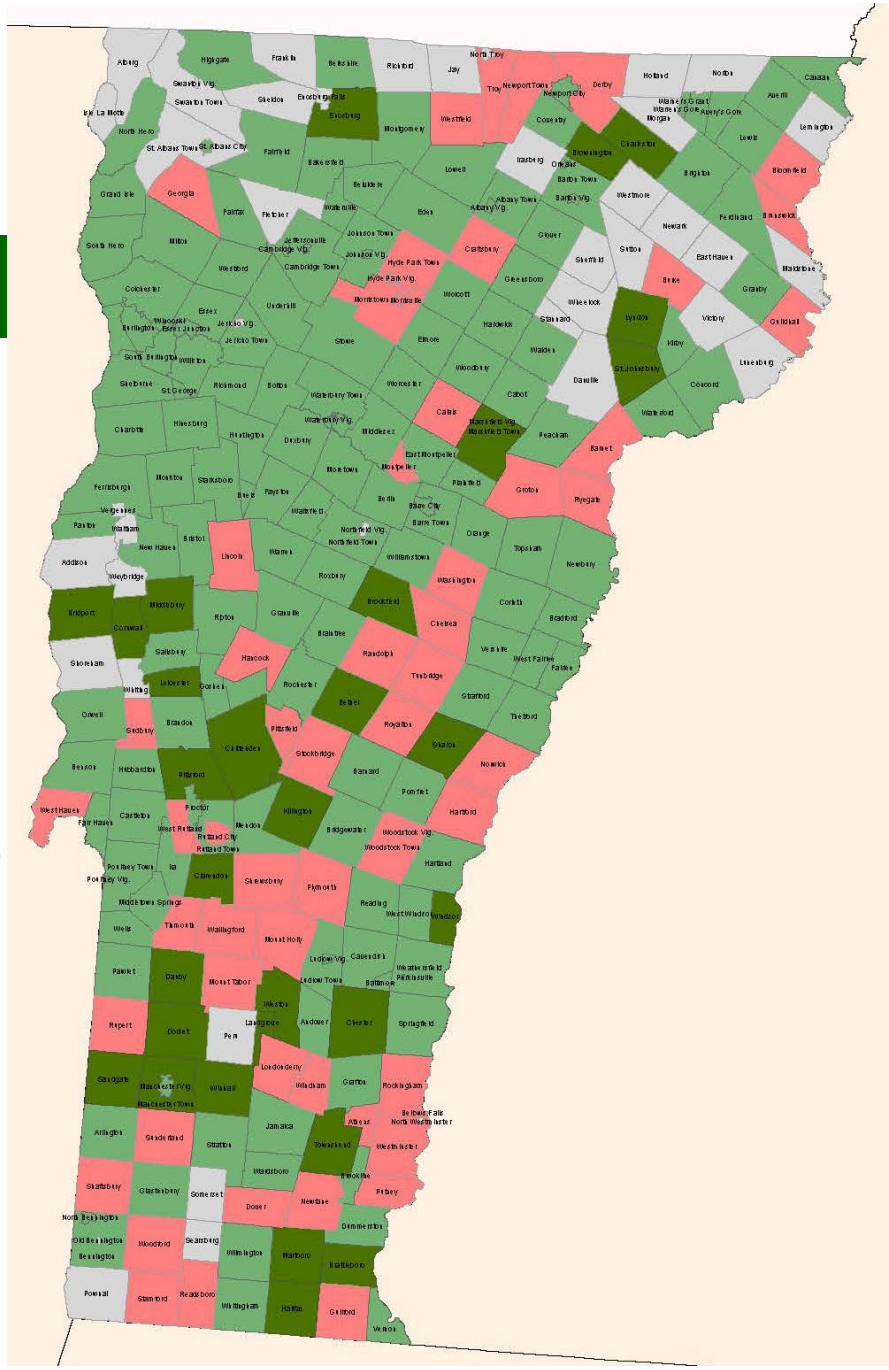
FEMA Approved (63.2%)

Expired (22.8%)

Never Approved (13.9%)

Legend

- No Plan
- Approved, not expiring within 1 year
- Approved, expiring within 1 year
- Awaiting Revisions
- Expired



Mitigation Projects

Buyouts

Floodplain Restoration

Flood-Proofing:

Other Project Ideas:

- Culvert Upsizing
- Road Relocation
- Structural Elevation
- Generators for Critical Facilities
- Planning

Mitigation Funding

Funding Sources:

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
  - Funding based on disaster declarations
  - 15% of public assistance allocation
  - **Next round of applications due February 26, 2021 (DR-4474)**
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**
  - Annual competitive funding cycle with changing priorities
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**
  - Annual competitive funding cycle for municipalities participating in NFIP

Additional Info:

- 75% Federal share, 25% local match
- Available to municipalities and state agencies (and non-profits under HMGP)
- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) typically required

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