

Date: September 10, 2020; 1:00PM-3:00PM ET
Presenter: Sherry Risk, CDBG-MIT Program Manager, WVCAD
Attendees: 14 attendees

Hearing Overview

WVCAD held its second public hearing after the release of its draft CDBG-MIT Action Plan to inform the public of the HUD funding allocations, provide an overview of the draft plan, and garner input regarding proposed mitigation programs. The hearing was advertised publicly via newspaper ad, WVCAD CDBG-MIT website at <https://wvfloodrecovery.com/mitigation/>, and social media. Additionally, WVCAD issued a notification to its 500+ member stakeholder list to solicit maximum participation. To ensure public safety, the hearing was held virtually via GoToWebinar. A recording of the hearing was created and posted on the WVCAD CDBG-MIT website. A detailed list of attendees is attached for reference.

Presentation

WVCAD provided a PowerPoint presentation containing the following information regarding the CDBG-MIT allocation and draft Action Plan.

- Introductions
- Goals and Objectives
- Overview of Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)
- Mitigation Needs Assessment
- Proposed Mitigation Programs
- Stakeholder Engagement

Discussion and Public Comment

1. Francis Holton
 - a. *Can you repeat the HUD Mitigation definition again?*
 - i. **Response:** Sherry Risk opened the presentation to the slides containing the mitigation definition. Per the Federal Register Notice, and for the purposed of the CDB-MIT program, mitigation activities are defined as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.
 - b. *With that said, would we be able to do buyouts likes with FEMA?*
 - i. **Response:** That is not a program that is being proposed. The proposed programs include two primary mitigation categories: Infrastructure and Planning. Infrastructure programs include the General Infrastructure Program and the Public

Facility Hardening Program. The Planning programs include State Planning, Regional and Local Planning, and Hazard Mitigation Plans.

c. *Are these slides going to be posted on the website?*

- i. **Response:** WV will be posting all public hearings on the website along with comments and responses. Action Plan in its entirety is on the website as well. Questions can be submitted via CDBGmitigation@wv.gov.

No additional comments received as of 2:02 PM EST; the hearing was concluded at this time. Reminder that the Action Plan can be found at <https://wvfloodrecovery.com/mitigation> and comments can be submitted at CDBGmitigation@wv.gov.

Additional Presentation Details

Time: Presentation officially began at 1:03 PM EST to allow for late entrances; concluded 1:47 PM EST with an additional 15 minutes for attendees to submit questions or comments. No official comments from the public, the public hearing closed at 2:02 EST.

Total in attendance (staff + attendees): 14

Staff in attendance: 4

1. Daina Ruback druback@tidalbasin.rphc.com
2. Jason Field jfield@tidalbasin.rphc.com
3. Marina Gutierrez marinangeles.gutierrez@icf.com
4. Sherry Risk signed in as Ryan Halsey

Attendees (4)		Staff (4)	
NAMES			
		Daina Ruback (Organizer)	▼
		Jason Field (Organizer, Me)	
		Marinangeles Gutierrez (Panelist)	
		Ryan Halsey (Organizer, Presenter)	

Public Attendees: 10

1. Chuck Grishaber
2. Francis Holton
3. Joshua Witt
4. Kelly Blanton
5. Linda Hays
6. Marie Prezioso
7. Sherry Miller
8. Stephanie Petruso
9. Steve Neddo (not registered, but joined under Kanawha County group)
10. Bruce White (not registered, but joined under Kanawha County group)

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NAMES - ALPHABETICALLY			
		Chuck Grishaber	
		Francis Holton	▼
		Joshua Whitt	
		Kelly Banton	
		Linda Hays	
		Marie Prezioso	
		Sherry Miller	
		Stephanie Petruso	