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CC: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 3/27/2014 9:53:34 AM
Subject: RE: FEMA: Harzard Abatement Funds

Senator Young,

As part of the Public Assistance the State will receive as a result of the Major Disaster Declaration, a 15% portion of the total Public Assistance amount can be used for Hazard Mitigation. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a 75-25 federal-nonfederal cost-share, which provides state agencies and local governments the opportunity to apply for long-term hazard mitigation projects. Common examples include the purchase of generators, as Mr. Pearce indicated, or the elevation of a building in a flood zone. Governmental entities interested in applying for a Hazard Mitigation grant must submit applications, which are then approved by FEMA.

As of now, EMD is not expected to know the total Public Assistance amount, and therefore the 15% for Hazard Mitigation, until mid-April. At that point, applications can begin being submitted. As always, with any emergency related issue, we encourage all local officials to go through their county emergency manager. Please tell Mr. Pearce to contact David Ruth at 803-648-6811, and he'll be able to help Mr. Pearce with the entire application process.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Rebecca

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 6:10 PM
To: 'tyoung@tomyounglaw.com'
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Subject: RE: FEMA: Harzard Abatement Funds

Senator Young,

Thank you for reaching out to our office about this, and we'll be glad to look into it. We'll be in touch as soon as we can. In the meantime, if you need anything else, please give me a call at 803-429-4561.

Sincerely,

Rebecca

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From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 6:06 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: FW: FEMA: Harzard Abatement Funds

From: Tom Young [<mailto:tyoung@tomyounglaw.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 5:12 PM

To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Fwd: FEMA: Harzard Abatement Funds

Katherine - can your emergency management people follow up on this?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Richard Pearce" <RPearce@CityofAikenSC.gov>
Date: March 26, 2014 at 2:43:06 PM EDT
To: "Tom Young (tyoung@tomyounglaw.com)" <tyoung@tomyounglaw.com>, "donwells@schouse.gov" <donwells@schouse.gov>, "Bill Taylor (bill@taylorschehouse.com)" <bill@taylorschehouse.com>
Subject: FEMA: Harzard Abatement Funds

Gentlemen;

The City of Aiken needs your help.

As you know a portion of the funds designated by FEMA for PAX winter storm damages is earmarked for the State of South Carolina.

FEMA reps have said that this earmarked portion can be used for hazard abatement as deemed proper by the state.

We have identified a need for generators at three of our city buildings as well as 'pump-around' installations for our sewer lift stations to make sure we will not experience raw sewage release should another winter weather event deprives us of electrical power for a number of days.

Our estimated costs for these hazard abatement items totals in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

Can you help us obtain this funding to place these much-need hazard abatement installations at our city facilities?

Thanks

Richard

Richard L. Pearce
Aiken City Manager
803.642.7666

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