

Local Mitigation Strategy . . . LMS

What is a Local Mitigation Strategy? Florida counties have been tasked with gathering local government together with leaders from private and educational institutions to coordinate both pre and post disaster activities and to identify hazards and develop a strategy, including prioritized projects that will significantly reduce or eliminate those hazards.

Mitigation may mean many different things to different people. Private sector participation is not only encouraged, it is essential to the development of a broad, diverse, countywide mitigation strategy. Faith and social organizations bring valuable resources to the LMS. They bring their time, their talents, and in disaster's aftermath many treasures. Socially conscious participants will keep the needs of the most vulnerable visible.

A variety of federal mitigation grant programs are available. Only projects identified in the LMS will qualify for funding. A 25% local match (75% federal) is required. Twelve and a half percent can be in-kind. Donations of time, talent, and in some cases treasures, may be the only way mitigation projects for low income will be funded.

Charitable 501(c)(3) organizations can be grant project recipients. **Yes, your organization can apply.**