



STATE OF FLORIDA

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March 15, 2025

Bill Litton, Director
Osceola County Emergency Management
2586 Partin-Settlement Road
Kissimmee, Florida 34744

Re: Local Mitigation Strategy – Twelve Month Expiration Notification

Dear Director Litton,

This correspondence serves as a reminder that the Local Mitigation Strategy's initial approval granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Osceola County will expire on March 15, 2026. FEMA requires that all Hazard Mitigation plans must be reviewed and updated as appropriate and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within five (5) years.

As you are aware, based on hazard mitigation assistance program regulations and guidance, local governments must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in order to apply for and/or receive project grants under the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

FEMA will not make any obligation of funds for grant projects located in jurisdictions where the plan has lapsed. The period of a lapsed plan is defined as beginning on the first day after the mitigation plan expires and ending on the last date before the updated plan is approved. Project grants obligated under any of these programs prior to the expiration of a FEMA-approved mitigation plan are not affected by this policy and will continue to be administered under the terms of the grant award. The requirement is that a local government or Indian tribal government must also have a FEMA-approved plan at the time it receives such a grant.

In order to allow adequate time for our office to conduct a complete formal review, please ensure that the entire plan draft is submitted no later than six months prior to the existing plan expiration date. Please be reminded that your mitigation plan will expire on March 15, 2026.

By means of this correspondence, our Mitigation Planning Unit has initiated contact with your office in an effort to provide technical assistance. Please know our office is available throughout your plan update process. We look forward to a review of your final draft sometime during the month of September 2025 (6 months prior to expiration date). If you have any

questions regarding this matter, please contact your LMS Liaison Evan Jenkins at Evan.Jenkins@em.myflorida.com or at 850-815-4589.

Respectfully,

Laura Dhuwe,
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State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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Attachments: Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan Review Process