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Attn: Dave Jackson, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

RE: Eligible Hazard Mitigation Planning-Related Activities

Dear Chief Kidd:

Questions have been fielded to our office related to the use of Hazard Mitigation Assistance funds for Master Drainage Planning in accordance with the FY 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance and Addendum. The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds can be used to pay for Master Drainage Plans. FEMA can fund Master Drainage Plans as a mitigation planning-related activity under the 7 percent Mitigation Planning funds associated with HMGP. The Master Drainage Plan would then need to be incorporated into the community’s Hazard Mitigation Plan (44 CFR part 201) as a deliverable of the grant.

Under Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Master Drainage Plans are not eligible. PDM can only fund the creation or update to the community’s Hazard Mitigation Plan (44 CFR part 201) not mitigation planning-related activities. In Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), while a Master Drainage Plan would not be eligible (for the same reason as PDM), FEMA could fund a Drainage Study or Engineering Feasibility Analysis under the new Advance Assistance funding in FMA. Advance Assistance must lead to the development of a mitigation project for future funding.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Camille Crain, HMA Branch Chief, at (940) 898-5414 or h-camille.crain@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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