

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan
DEPARTMENT: Police Department
PRESENTED BY: Denise Turner, Chief of Police

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

With the passing of the federal Public Law 106-390, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), a new hazard mitigation-planning requirement has been enacted. On October 1, 2002, the interim final regulations of the DMA2K were updated and published addressing the planning requirements for local government and requiring jurisdictions to have an adopted and FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by November 1, 2004, in order to be eligible for future hazard mitigation grant funds.

In late November, staff provided the Council with a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. In addition, staff began community outreach to facilitate public input. In order for the plan to be approved by FEMA, a key element of the plan requires community involvement. Staff is seeking Council and public input on the draft plan and will incorporate comments and concerns in the final plan, which is targeted for Council approval July 2004.

BACKGROUND

As part of the City's Emergency Operations Plan, which the Council adopted on May 27, 2003, City staff contracted with the University of Washington Institute for Hazard Mitigation to assist in preparing the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The goal of the City of Shoreline Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify and recommend projects and programs that when implemented, would eliminate, minimize, or otherwise mitigate the vulnerability of the people, property, environmental resources, and economic vitality of the community to the impacts of future disasters. These identified projects and programs are termed "mitigation initiatives" and constitute the principal component of the plan. The fundamental purpose of the plan is to guide, coordinate, and facilitate the efforts of the agencies, organizations, and individuals participating as they seek funding, authority, or other resources necessary for implementation of mitigation initiatives.

An important step in securing approval of the plan by FEMA is to have community involvement. Staff has conducted outreach to residents to seek their input on the draft plan. At the Council's January 5th Workshop Meeting, the Council and the public will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from the University of Washington

Institute for Hazard Mitigation, who will provide a brief presentation of the plan, focusing on methodology, the City's three primary hazards, and potential mitigation strategies. In addition, prior to this meeting, staff ensured that the plan was made available to the public for review on the City's web site, at city hall, the two police storefronts, and at the City's two public libraries. Local governments are required to have their hazard mitigation plans approved and adopted by November 1, 2004; therefore, staff will return to Council for plan approval by July 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

To prepare the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City contracted with the University of Washington Institute for Hazard Mitigation. The scope of work includes developing all elements of the plan, coordinating efforts with City stakeholders and key agencies, and submitting the plan to the State/FEMA. The contract is budgeted for \$30,000. To assist in funding the project, the City applied to the State of Washington for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Program (PDMC) grant. Currently, the State has recommended approval to FEMA for a total of \$37,500.

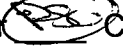
Once the Council adopts the plan, which is targeted for July 2004, the City will be eligible for FEMA assistance following a disaster. Likewise, the City will be eligible for future hazard mitigation grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. At this time, staff seeks both Council and public comment on the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

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Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A