

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Hohl, Township Supervisor
Tony Randazzo, Director of Technical Services

From: Brenda Richardson, Information Specialist

Date: September 29, 2022

Re: **Potential Grant Submissions for Hamburg Township Under the
FEMA GO Program For Select Flood Prone Properties in
Hamburg Township**

August – September, 2022

The Township received notifications from Scott Stockert at MSP regarding the 2022-2023 FEMA GO grant programs for BRIC and FMA grants. Community resident Amber S. Bismack has submitted a listing of 12 property owners in the Ore Lake area that may be interested in participating in the programs. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to participate in the programs needs to be submitted to Mr. Stockert at MSP no later than October 3, 2022 if the Township intends to pursue the FEMA GO program grants for 2022-2023.

I contacted Mr. Stockert on September 20, 2022 regarding this year's programs and asked whether any of the newer provisions would enable Hamburg Township to garner more points under the evaluation systems used to qualify potential recipient communities. He indicated it was unlikely that Hamburg would be able to significantly increase its points to the level where it would be awarded grants.

History – 2021-2022

Last year, the Township staff worked with McKenna Associates and Ms. Bismack to file grant applications under the BRIC and FMA grant programs. The Township's cost for McKenna staff to assist with the filings was \$12,000. After months of work, it was determined that under the FMA grant, the Township's portion would be 25%, or \$370,382.50; and under the BRIC grant, the non-Federal share portion would be 31.22% or \$86,354.52, which would be the responsibilities of the homeowner.

The HMGP grant program Township's 25% match would be \$186,625.50.

On May 23, 2022, FEMA released notification that under the FMA, BRIC and HMGP grants, Hamburg Township's applications were not selected as part of the next round of consideration.

This information was submitted to the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees and at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, the Board reviewed the requirements and voted to stop proceeding further with the application process due to the high cost of the Township's portion of the budget costs.

Recommendation

Due to:

- The costs incurred last year in consultant McKenna's time and staff time, and
- New costs that would be incurred for consultants and staff time to re-file for the grants for the 2022-2023 year, and
- As stated by Scott Stockert, almost no probability of the Township being awarded the approvals for grant fundings for the 2022-2023 year, and
- The Township Board's decision on June 1, 2022 to cease pursuing further grant application activities due to the high costs to the Township,

it is recommended that the Township not proceed with attempts to obtain grants under the FEMA GO programs of FMA, BRIC and HMGP for the 2022-2023 year.

