

**AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

**ITEM #11: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES**

**A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES**

The Directors of Utilities Committee meeting was cancelled for the month of July. The next Committee meeting will be held on August 7, 2013

**B. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meetings summary will be included in the September 19, 2013 Agenda Packet.

**C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Attached are the project status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 11-C

## **PROJECT STATUS REPORTS**

### **1. Regional Housing Program**

#### **Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance**

Staff members continue to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) and recently completed an interactive networking event entitled “Pathways to Partnership”. This event brought professionals from the public, private and non-profit organizations together to discuss important issues such as expanding housing opportunities for low and moderate income households. This event was the first program of a two-part initiative to bridge the “knowledge gap” between housing programs and services and other community services such as human services programs, mental health programs, services for the disabled and the elderly. A symposium will be held in late 2013 to discuss best practices.

Staff members recently attended the Federal Housing Policy Symposium held in Charlottesville, Virginia Senator Mark Warner, HUD Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones and other key experts in federal and state housing policy participated in the statewide policy forum. Regional efforts are underway to discuss and analyze the impact of these policies to local programs and services.

#### **Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership**

The staff is continuing to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified first-time homebuyer in the region. Due to housing market and the recent record increase in interest rates, the inquiries concerning the program and assistance has dramatically increased. Staff is working to increase local administrator participation in localities where request for assistance is identified.

### **2. Regional Economics Program**

#### **Technical Assistance**

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission’s Benchmarking Study provide easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports and newsletter articles on topics of timely significance, such as payroll and unemployment reports. Over the past month, staff has provided briefings to member localities (per request), provided interviews for information purposes, and has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

#### **Analysis of Department of Defense Presence**

The Department of Defense (DoD) plays a significant role in the Hampton Roads economy, a role that is continuously being re-defined. In an attempt to better understand the economic impact of the DoD on the region, staff have begun work on

an in-depth analysis of the federal presence in Hampton Roads, specifically as it relates to defense activities. A report on the DoD presence in Hampton Roads will be presented at the September Commission meeting.

### **Hampton Roads Data Center**

In keeping with the state mandate that calls for Planning District Commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic, and other data concerning the region and member localities, and to act as a state data center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, staff routinely collect and maintain a variety of data sets. This year, as per the Commission's work program, staff are moving from the publication of data in an annual Data Book, to an online data repository that will enable efficient access for those seeking regional data. Staff are in the process of moving to an online system; a process that is expected to be ongoing as new information is released.

## **3. Emergency Management Project Update**

### **Ready Hampton Roads**

Staff continues to support the Ready Hampton Roads program. Current efforts include:

- Launch of a Ready Hampton Roads Twitter account
- Development of a coordinated, regional social media campaign
- Website improvement planning
- Increased use of Ready Hampton Roads giveaway items
- Increased outreach events

### **Regional and Local Jail Exercise**

Staff continues to support the Hampton Roads Inmate Evacuation committee. Current efforts include project management of a regional and local jail exercise series. The Southside and Peninsula sub regional exercises have been successfully accomplished with great participation and feedback. The regional exercise is scheduled to occur July 10 in Chesapeake.

### **Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)**

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met on May 28, 2013

### **Mitigation Planning**

- Poquoson Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update  
HRPDC has been awarded the funds to pursue updating the 2009 Multi-Hazard Poquoson mitigation plan and will move forward with RFP development.

- **Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan**  
EM Staff are in the process of applying for planning grant funds remaining from the 2012 derecho that will be used to develop a Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will consolidate the existing six plans in the region into a more effective and efficient document that can be more easily updated in the future. The grant has a three year performance period. The 25% local match requirement will be met completely with in-kind resources.

### **Special Needs Subcommittee**

The REMTAC Special Needs Subcommittee continues to be supported by the Regional Special Needs Planner and EM Staff as needed. The Subcommittee last met May 21, 2013

### **Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)**

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). Recent activity includes:

- **Closeout of UASI Grants**  
All FY08 and FY09 projects have been closed out. HRPDC is in the process of closing out FY 2010 UASI grants by July 31, 2013. After which, FY 2011 will be the last of the UASI grant received by the region with a performance period ending in July 2013.
- **Sustainment**  
Stakeholders have narrowed down UASI funded projects to five initiatives that will require sustainment funding. A linkages meeting was held to determine how these initiatives are codependent on one another in order to drive sustainment discussion and prioritization. These five initiatives have completed a preliminary 10-year operating budget to forecast ongoing sustainment costs.
- **UAWG Restructuring**  
In order to function in a new role of strategic regional collaboration and coordination, the UAWG has begun a restructuring process. In this efforts, three subcommittees have been established, one of which is responsible for updating the UAWG Bylaws. Stakeholders in this committee have begun looking into legal frameworks for the operations of a new preparedness committee.
- **State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Submission**  
The HRPDC is coordinating a regional submission for the FY 2013 SHSGP. This will help the region work together and minimize duplication of efforts.

**Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC)**

Beginning in June, 2013, the HRPDC has begun providing management and support for the HRICAC and associated tasks and subcommittees. Recent activity includes the management of Interoperable Communications Grants. The HRPDC has agreed to manage the FY 2011 UASI grant for interoperable communications. This grant will support the completion of a regional communications plan and augmentation of the end-user equipment that allows emergency managers to securely collaborate with data/voice/video conference over the HRTacRan microwave ring.