

2024

GREAT FALLS

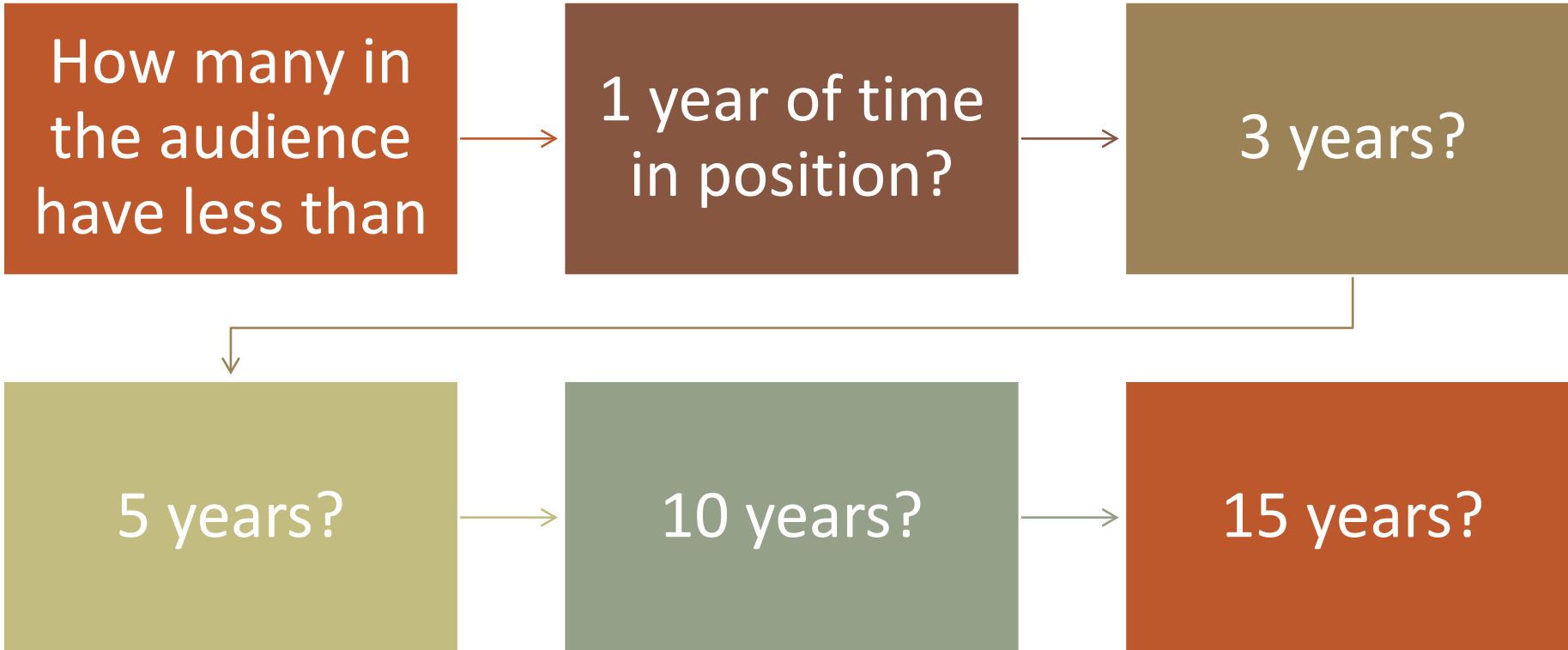


# MACo Mid-Winter Conference



# Opening Remarks

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# Audience Poll

# Roles & Responsibilities Discussion

Intent-

- Discuss roles and responsibilities of county emergency managers and elected officials during all phases of emergency management
- Gather feedback on areas needing further training

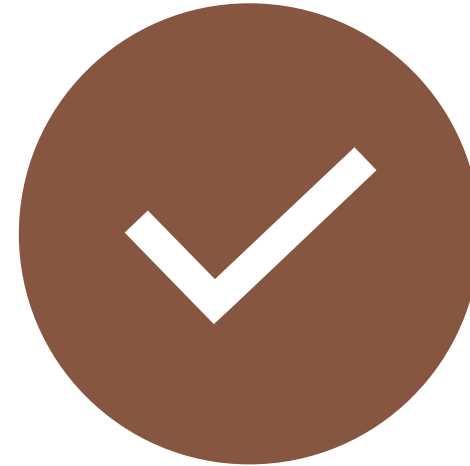
*Note-*

*This presentation is not all encompassing of EM roles and duties*

# Audience role

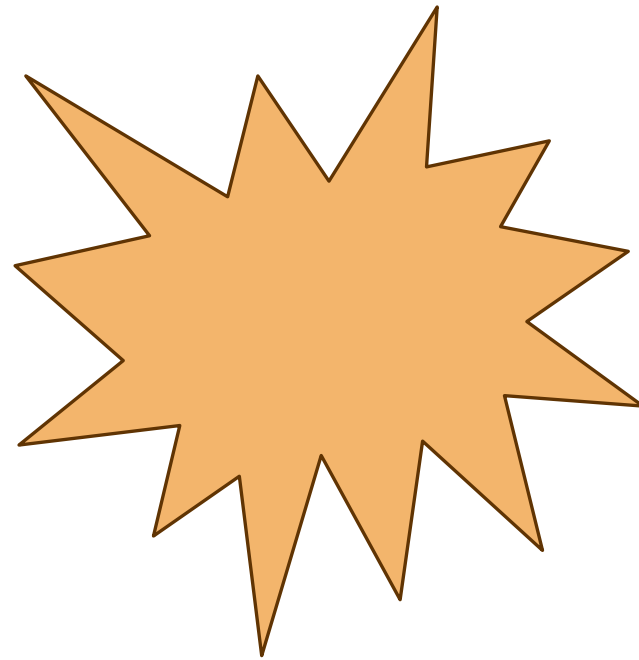


**WHAT QUESTIONS  
NEED FOLLOW-UP?**



**ACTION ITEMS TO  
REVIEW**

# What do you do when something happens...



# Denton Fire

Photo: Fergus  
County Sherriff's  
Office



# Stillwater County Train Derailment

Photo: CNN

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NATIONAL SECURITY

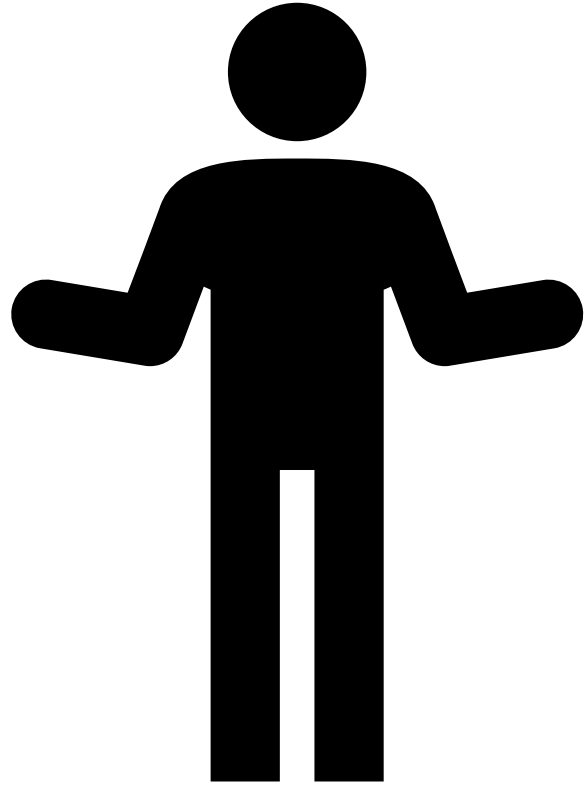
## Wray warns that Chinese hackers are aiming to 'wreak havoc' on critical U.S. infrastructure

The FBI director says Chinese state-sponsored hackers targeting of U.S critical infrastructure – including water treatment plants, pipelines and the power to grid – poses a national security threat.



Emergency management is adapting to increasingly complex incidents

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# Now what?

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YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM CAN HELP!

# Preparedness & Mitigation

Much of emergency management is preparing for a response and mitigating impacts



# Preparedness: Organization & Personnel

- Each political subdivision must designate an emergency management agency and emergency manager.
- Emergency management program should incorporate partners from fire, law enforcement, planning, fiscal, water/wastewater, schools, roads supervisor, etc.

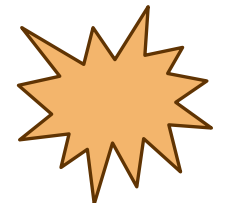
## **Emergency Manager:**

Responsible for emergency and disaster prevention and preparedness and coordination of response and recovery.

MCA 10-3-201(1)

## **Commissioner:**

Designate the agency and person responsible for emergency management. MCA 10-3-201(4)



# Preparedness: Organization & Personnel

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Required by Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA)

## **Emergency Manager:**

Engage with LEPC and provide guidance and leadership.

## **Commissioner:**

Participate in LEPC and maintain awareness of hazmat planning.



Why is your LEPC critical?



ABC News – East Palestine, Ohio

# Preparedness: Planning

- Political subdivisions must prepare a local disaster and emergency plan and program. (EOP)
  - ✓ Emergency responsibilities
  - ✓ Chain of command
  - ✓ Evacuation authority & responsibility
- Hazardous material emergency response plan

## **Emergency Manager:**

Responsible for plan development and maintenance.

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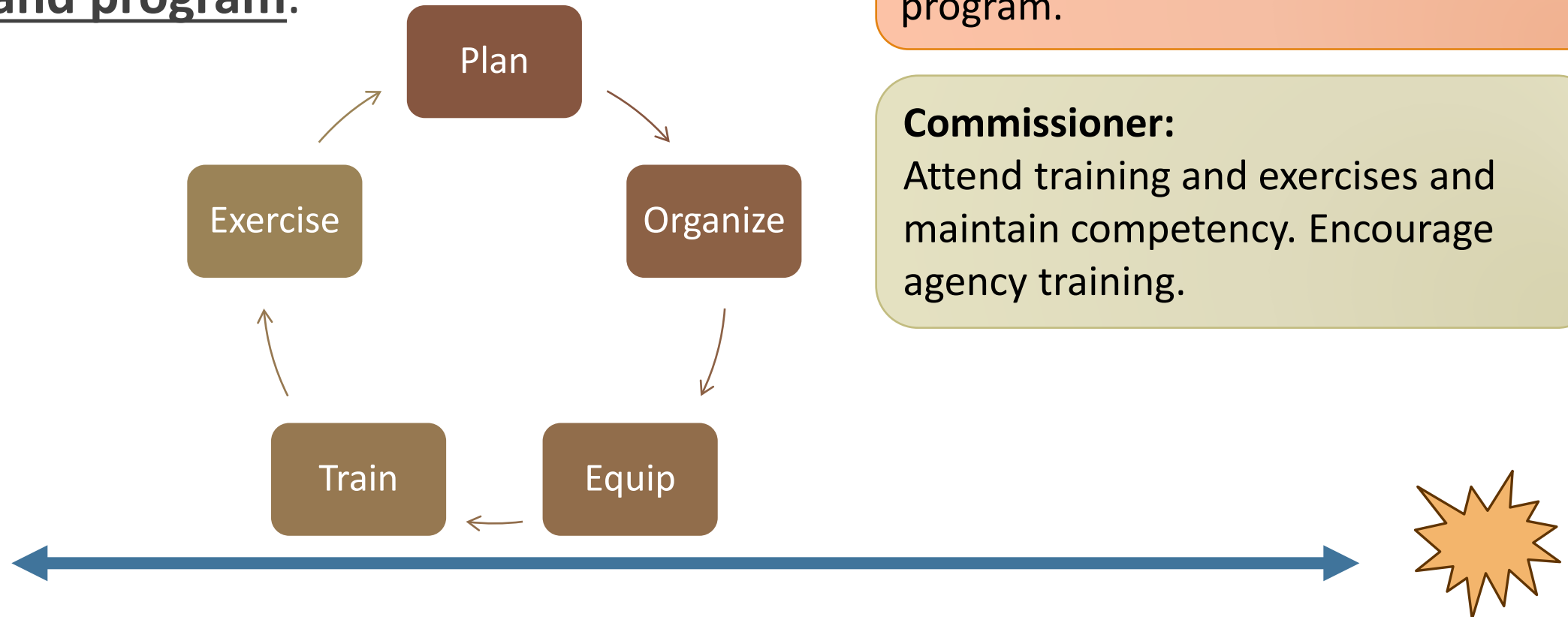
## **Commissioner:**

Sign and adopt plans for political subdivision and understand authorities within



# Preparedness: Training & Exercise

- Political subdivisions must prepare a local disaster and emergency plan and program.



## Emergency Manager:

Develop local training and exercise program.

## Commissioner:

Attend training and exercises and maintain competency. Encourage agency training.



# Preparedness: Grants and Funding

- Political subdivisions must prepare a local disaster and emergency plan and program.
- Several funding opportunities may help support and enhance your program

## **Emergency Manager:**

Manage grant funding to enhance and support program.

## **Commissioner:**

Support EM on grant program requirements. Identify gaps where funding can assist.



# Mitigation: Planning

- Political subdivisions should prepare and maintain a multi-hazard mitigation plan
  - ✓ Identify local hazards
  - ✓ Lists goals and projects
- Three regional mitigation plans in final stages of approval

## **Emergency Manager:**

Responsible for plan development and maintenance.

## **Commissioner:**

Sign and adopt plans for political subdivision. Participate in planning process and project development.



# Mitigation: Grants and Funding

- Investing in mitigation saves in the long run.
- Every \$1 invested in mitigation can save up to \$13

## **Emergency Manager:**

Manage grant funding to enhance and support program.

## **Commissioner:**

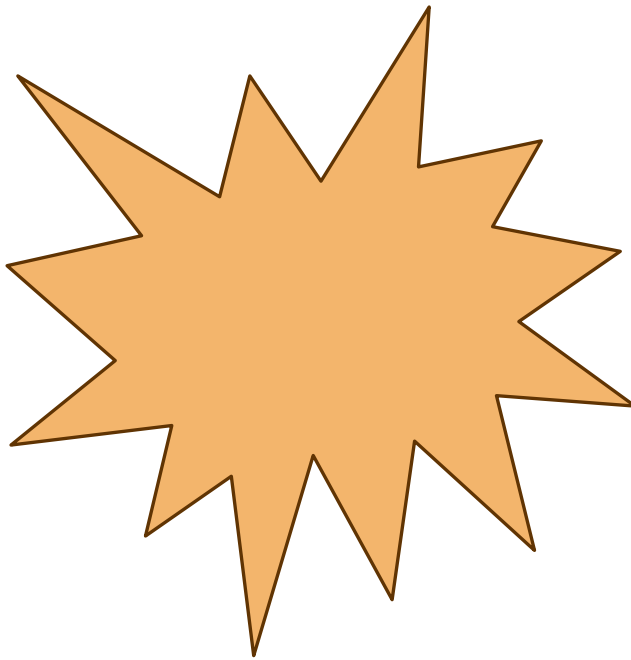
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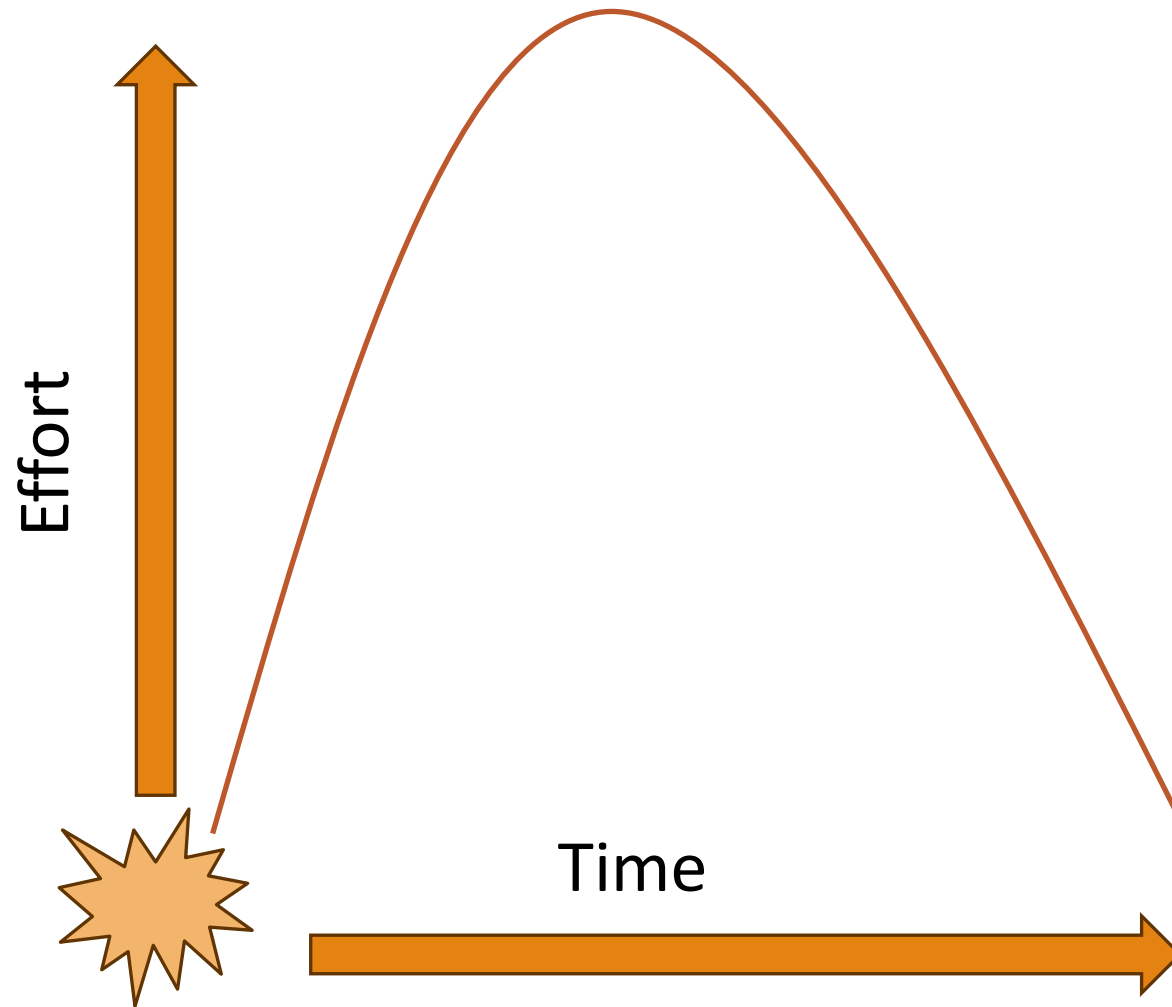


# Missoula County perspective

# Something happens...



# Response



# Response: Initial Response

- Fire, law enforcement, EMS and other first responders manage local incidents
- Majority of incidents don't expand beyond this level

**Initial response**



**Emergency Manager:**  
Maintain situational awareness

**Commissioner:**  
Maintain situational awareness

# Response: Mutual aid

- Every political subdivision is by default part of the intrastate mutual aid system
- Provides experience for responders and builds cross jurisdiction partnerships

**Mutual aid**  
Initial response



## **Emergency Manager:**

Develops and maintains mutual aid agreements

## **Commissioner:**

Makes request for assistance or establishes designee  
MCA 10-3-907(2)



# Response: Local Disaster Declaration

- As incident expands, may issue disaster declaration
- ✓ Activates EOP

## Emergency Manager:

Assist in gathering situational awareness and coordinating resources

## Commissioner:

Principal executive officer issues proclamation or declaration  
MCA 10-3-402 through 404

## Local Disaster declaration

Mutual aid  
Initial response



# Response: Request to State Emergency Coordination Center

➤ When local resources become exhausted, request may be made to the SECC

## Request to SECC

Local Disaster declaration

Mutual aid

Initial response



### Emergency Manager:

Coordinates between local needs and State DES

### Commissioner:

Coordinates with Emergency Manager on local needs

# Response: State Disaster Declaration

➤ Based on extent of damages, Governor may declare State of Disaster

## State Declaration

Request to SECC

Local Disaster declaration

Mutual aid

Initial response



### Emergency Manager:

Coordinates the initial damage assessments and cost estimates

### Commissioner:

Work closely with Emergency Manager on damage assessments

# Response: Levy 2 mills

➤ Decision to levy 2 mills dependent on other factors

## 2 mill levy\*

State Disaster Declaration

Request to SECC

Local Disaster declaration

Mutual aid

Initial response



### Emergency Manager:

Provide guidance on process and gather required cost estimates.

### Commissioner:

Levy must be passed by unanimous vote of governing body.  
MCA 10-3-405

# Response: External Resources

➤ Additional resources become available

✓ EMAC

✓ MT National Guard

## External resources

2 mill levy\*

State Declaration

Request to SECC

Local Disaster declaration

Mutual aid

Initial response



## Emergency Manager:

Coordinate resource requests

## Commissioner:

Makes request for assistance or establishes designee  
MCA 10-3-907(2)



# Better Together

**The Sheriff King Funeral**

**&**

**Eastern Montana Mutual Aid Agreement (EMMAA)**

# How Do You Coordinate.....

- Funeral for a fallen Sheriff
- Hundreds of attendees
- Hundreds of law enforcement officers
- MSPOA
- State honor guard
- Multiple dignitaries
  - Governor
  - Attorney General
  - Senator Daines and Congressman Rosendale's Office
  - County Commissioners
  - Tribal Nations
- 45-mile motorcade to the cemetery





# **EASTERN DISTRICT**

## **DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**JUNE 2023**

19 Counties now have  
a mutual aid  
agreement

We can move &  
request resources with  
a simple phone  
call....it's awesome!

# MSPPOA asked for support



*County of Yellowstone*

Disaster & Emergency Services  
KC Williams, Director



**BIG HORN COUNTY**  
MONTANA



*County of Yellowstone*

Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office  
Mike Linder, Sheriff



**Musselshell County DES**

# Incident Action Plan

Sheriff Darrell King Funeral



Wednesday, 29 November 2023, @ 1000

Lockwood High School

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY – LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

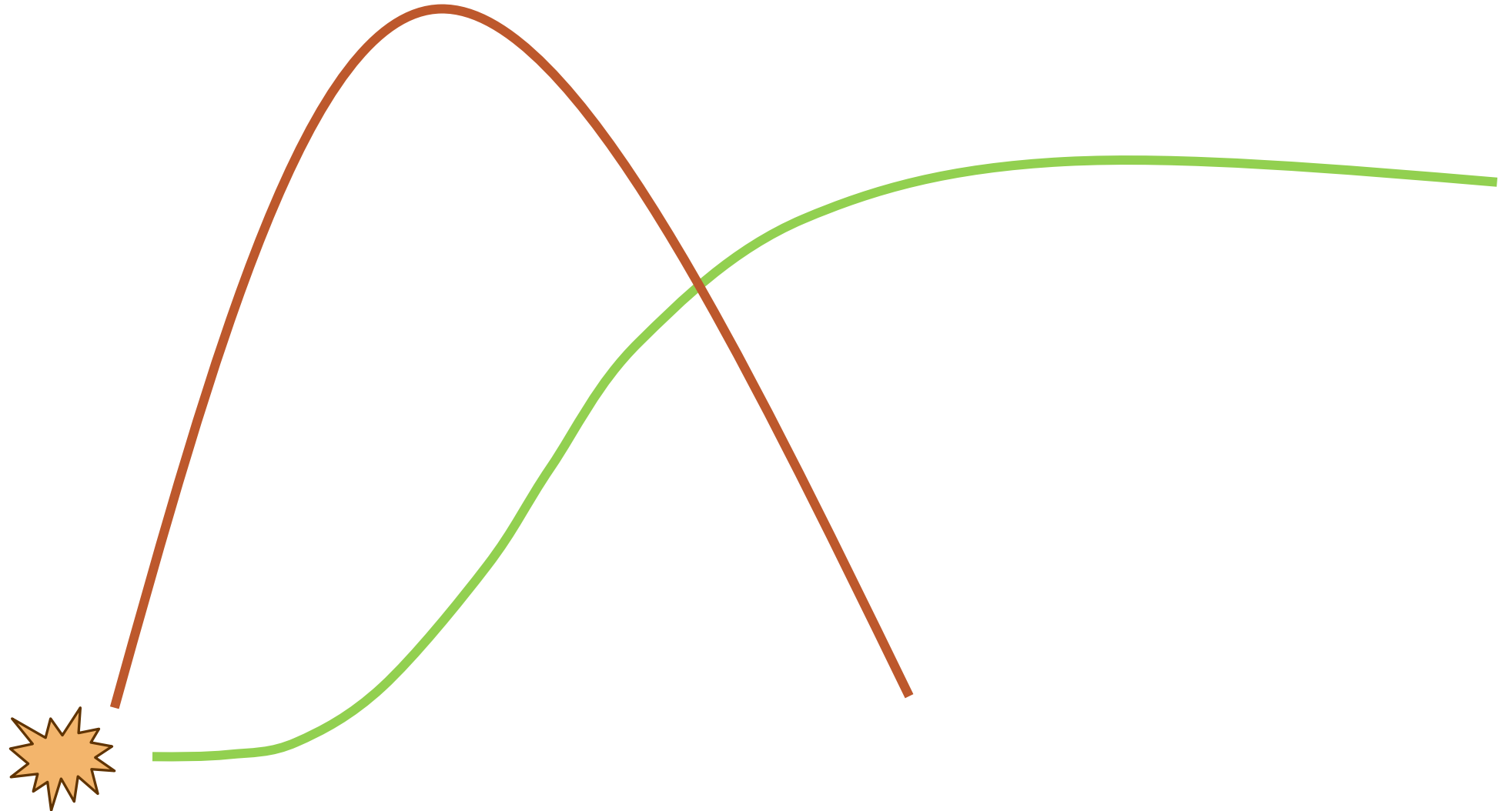
## INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

<b>1. Incident Name:</b> Sheriff King Memorial		<b>2. Operational Period:</b> Date From: 11-29-23 Date To: 11-29-23 Time From: 0645 Time To: 1500																
<b>3. Commander's Intent:</b> 1.) To honor Sheriff King's memory, pay respect to his family, support the community and each other. 2.) To meet or exceed the expectations of the family, our agencies, and the community 3.) Provide priority support for the King Family and the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office 4.) Provide for the organization and safe execution of the funeral procession and service in honor of Sheriff King																		
<b>4. Special Instructions:</b> 1.) Force Protection will be provided by DCI and MATIC. Officers will be in plain clothes and will be dispersed throughout the event. 1a.) Plain clothes officers will have a star pin on their left lapels. 2.) At each staging area, prior to the procession, line up according to preplanned assignment 3.) Remain professional as all eyes are on us including media and social media 4.) Support and be sensitive toward the family and their culture																		
<b>Safety Message:</b> 1.) Driving and parking - law enforcement and firefighters - go slow - keep it tight - head on a swivel 2.) Be aware of school zones (school will be in session); lots of pedestrians and children 3.) Cold weather and dehydration concerns - take care of yourself and your teammates 4.) Per MT DOT: Drones cannot fly over traffic or roadways unless those roadways are shut down																		
<b>5. Site Safety Plan Required?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:</b>																		
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<b>8. Approved by Incident Commander:</b> Name: <u>Mike Colvin</u> Signature: <u>Mike Colvin</u>																		
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# Declarations & Mills Overview

# Recovery – Starts at the incident!



# Response










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# Recovery: Documentation

➤ Effective recovery starts before an incident

**Documentation**



## **Local Partners:**

Recovery planning includes partners-  
Public Works, Roads, Fiscal, etc.

## **Emergency Manager:**

Plans for recovery and coordinates  
documentation process.

## **Commissioner:**

Learn documentation needs and  
recovery process and programs.



# Recovery: Documentation

➤ Maintain documentation as soon as response begins

**Emergency Manager:**  
Coordinates with partners on documenting costs and damages

**Commissioner:**  
Learn recovery process prior to disaster.

Documentation

**Documentation**



# Recovery: Documentation

➤ At each stage of recovery, documentation needs will increase

Documentation



Documentation

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**Emergency Manager:**  
Coordinates with partners on documenting costs and damages

**Commissioner:**  
Encourage all agencies and partners to participate.

# Recovery: Initial damage assessment

➤ Conducted at local level to collect estimated damage costs

**Initial damage assessment**

Documentation

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Documentation



**Emergency Manager:**

Coordinates with partners on documenting costs and damages

**Commissioner:**

Learn recovery process prior to disaster.

# Recovery: Joint damage assessment

➤ Conducted with locals, FEMA and MT DES

## Joint damage assessment

Initial damage assessment

Documentation

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Documentation



**Emergency Manager:**  
Coordinates with partners on documenting costs and damages

**Commissioner:**  
Learn recovery process prior to disaster.

# Recovery: FEMA Public Assistance

➤ If damages meet thresholds, may lead to Presidential Disaster Declaration

## FEMA Public Assistance

Joint damage assessment

Initial damage assessment

Documentation

Documentation

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Documentation



### Emergency Manager:

Coordinates with partners on documenting costs and damages to **public infrastructure**.

### Commissioner:

Learn recovery process and best practices prior to disaster.

# Recovery: FEMA Individual Assistance

➤ In some cases, additional assistance may be available to individuals

## FEMA Individual Assistance

FEMA Public Assistance

Joint damage assessment

Initial damage assessment

Documentation

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### Emergency Manager:

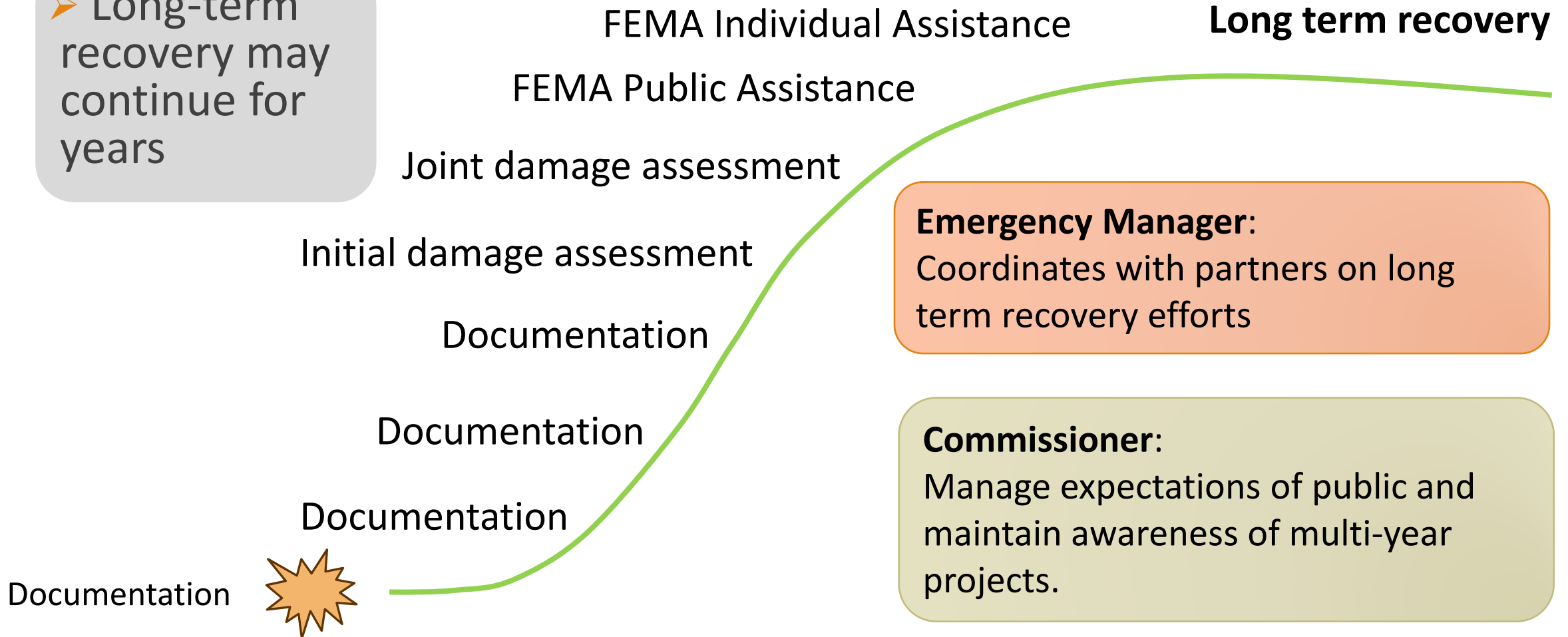
Coordinates with FEMA on sharing information with disaster survivors

### Commissioner:

Support community programs to help survivors recover.

# Recovery: Long term recovery

➤ Long-term recovery may continue for years



# Recovery: Mitigation efforts

Long term recovery

**Mitigation**

➤ Recovery offers an opportunity to increase resilience

FEMA Individual Assistance

FEMA Public Assistance

Joint damage assessment

Initial damage assessment

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**Emergency Manager:**

Utilize multi-hazard mitigation plan and program to increase resilience

**Commissioner:**

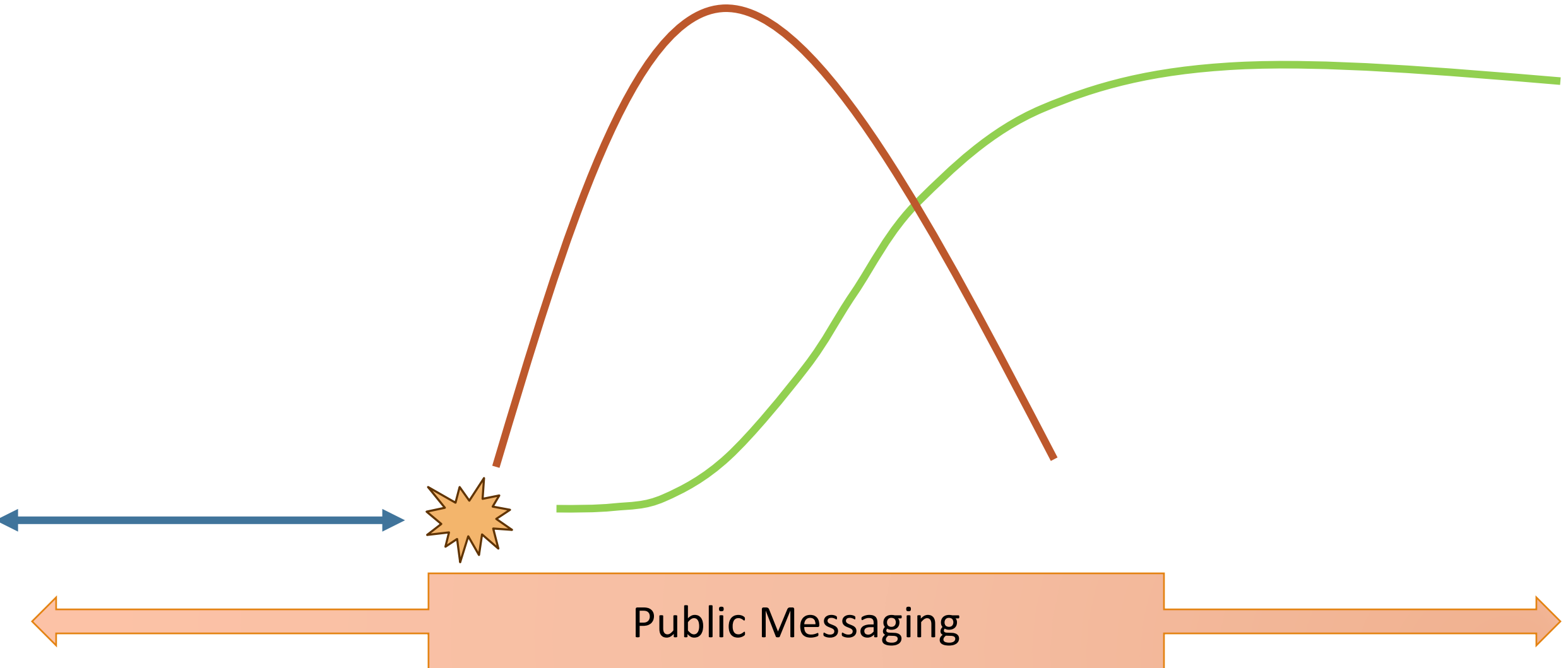
Learn about mitigation programs and eligible projects.





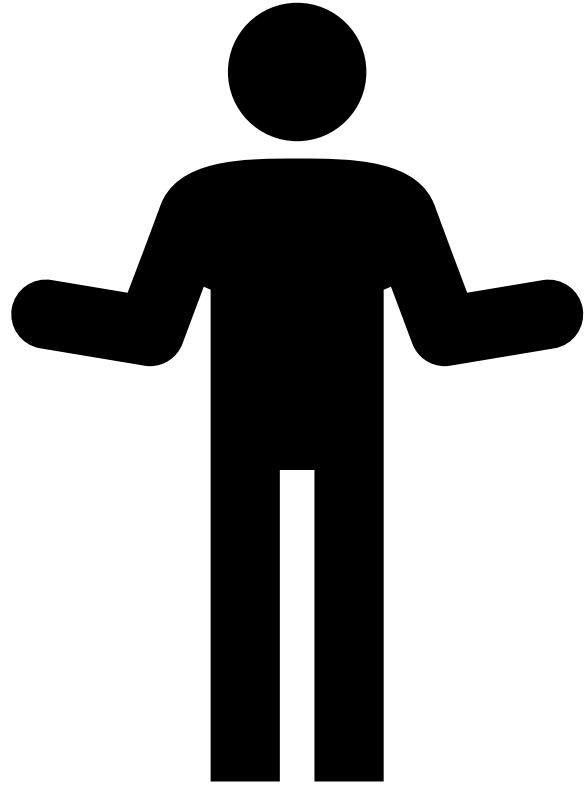
# Recovery/Mitigation Musselshell County

# Communications with Public



# Summary

- Work of an Emergency Manager is continuous
- Commissioners have a role in all phases – even if not noted within MCA
- Emergency managers wear many hats
- Preparedness/Mitigation/Response/Recovery phases may be overlapping



# Now what?

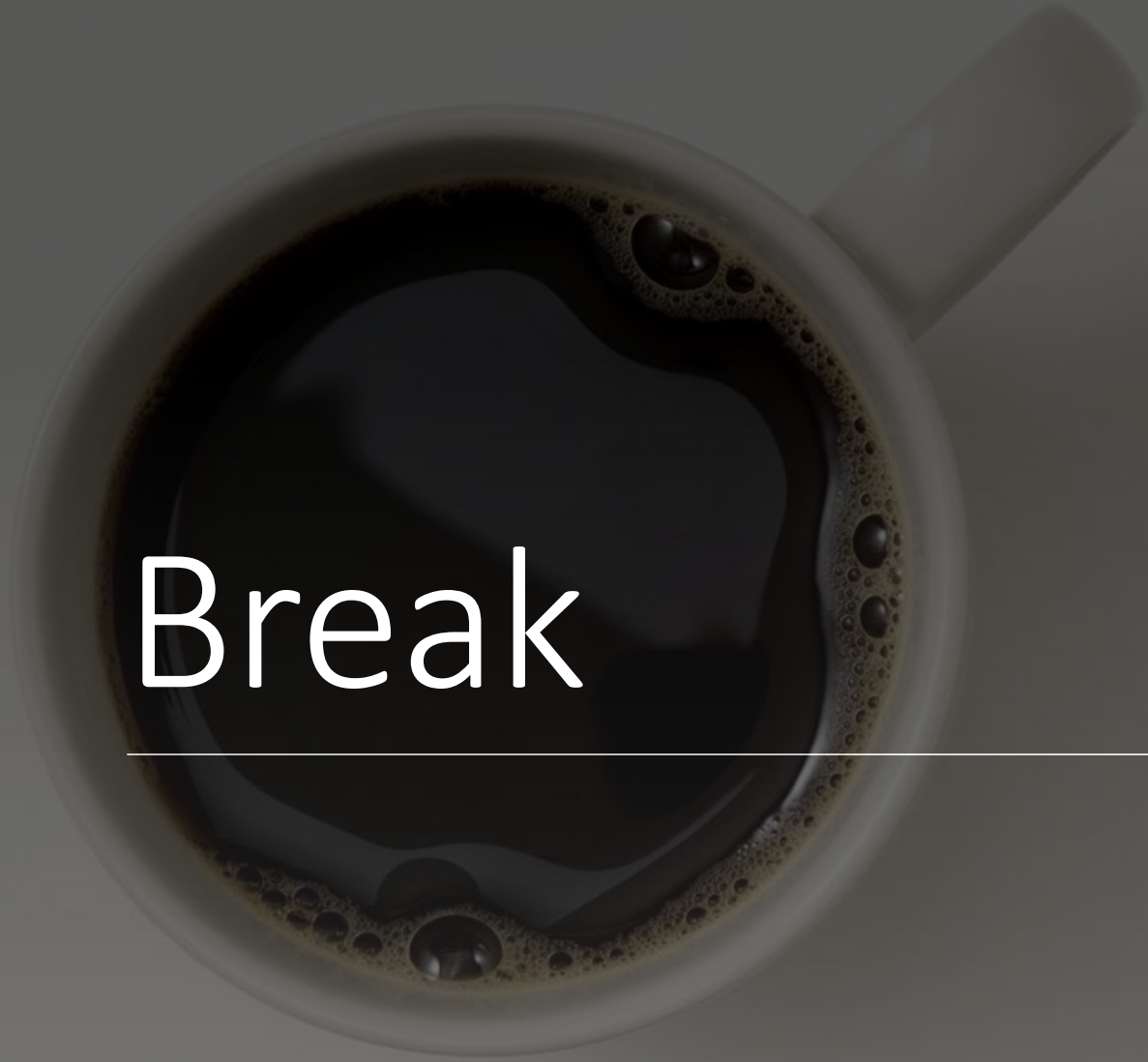
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YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM CAN HELP!

# Recap and next steps

What do you wish we could cover in more depth?

What are your “action items”?



Break

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# Recovery Panel

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Steve Fanning, Fergus  
County DES Director

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Les Payne, Cascade County  
Public Works Director

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Ty Hamilton, Stillwater  
County Commissioner

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## Mitigation & Resiliency Fund Updates



# Mitigation Disaster Grants

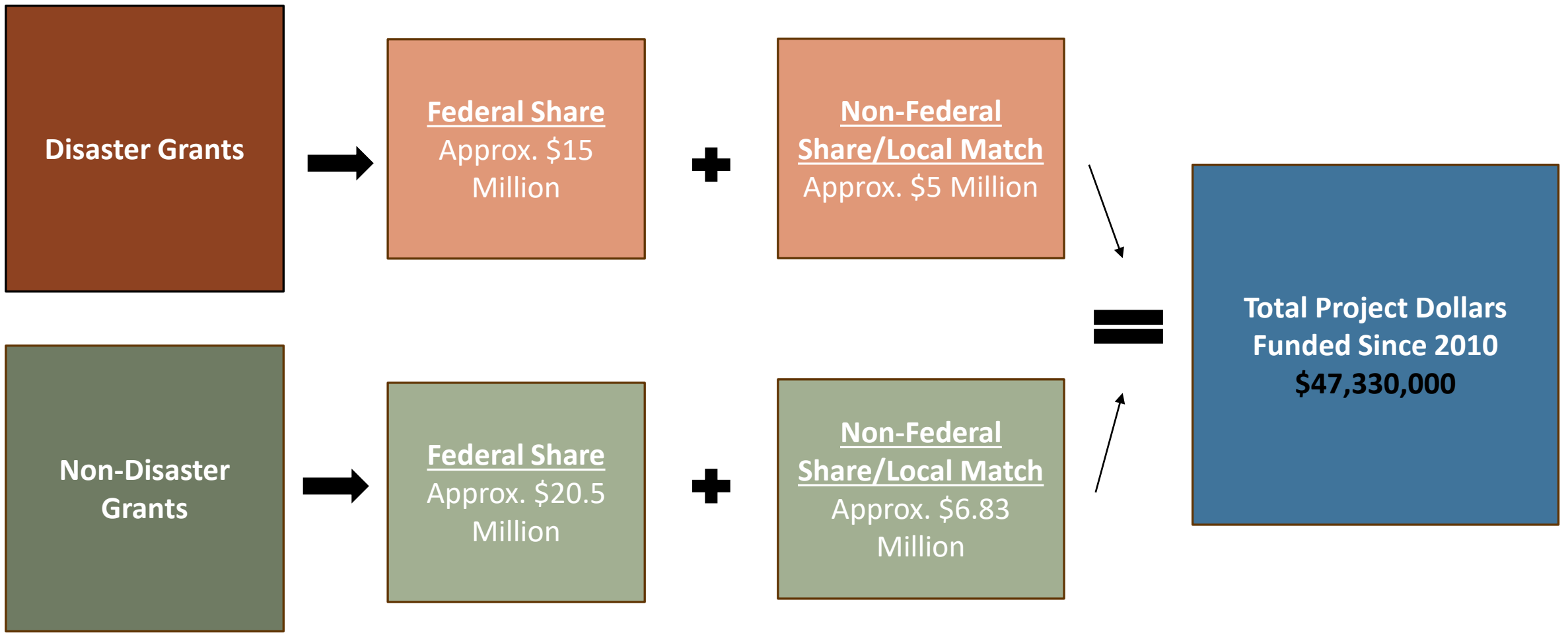
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire (HMGP-PF)



# Mitigation Non-Disaster Grants

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP)
- High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD)





# Grant Funds Awarded Since 2010

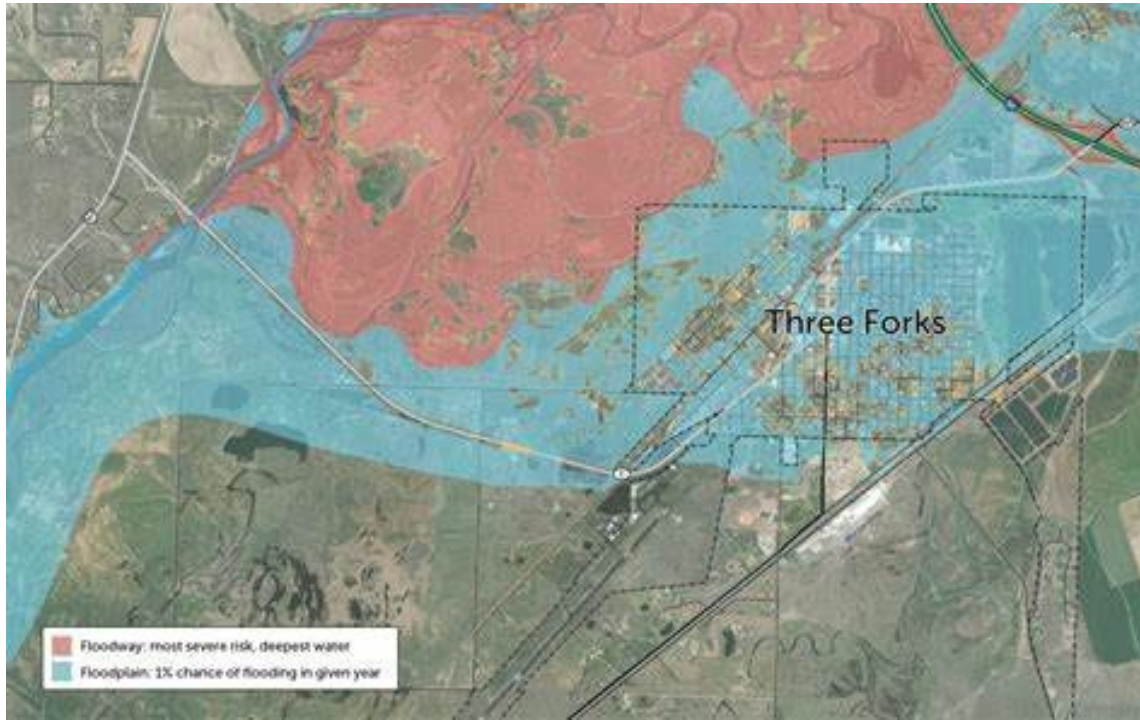
# Project Needs/Interest

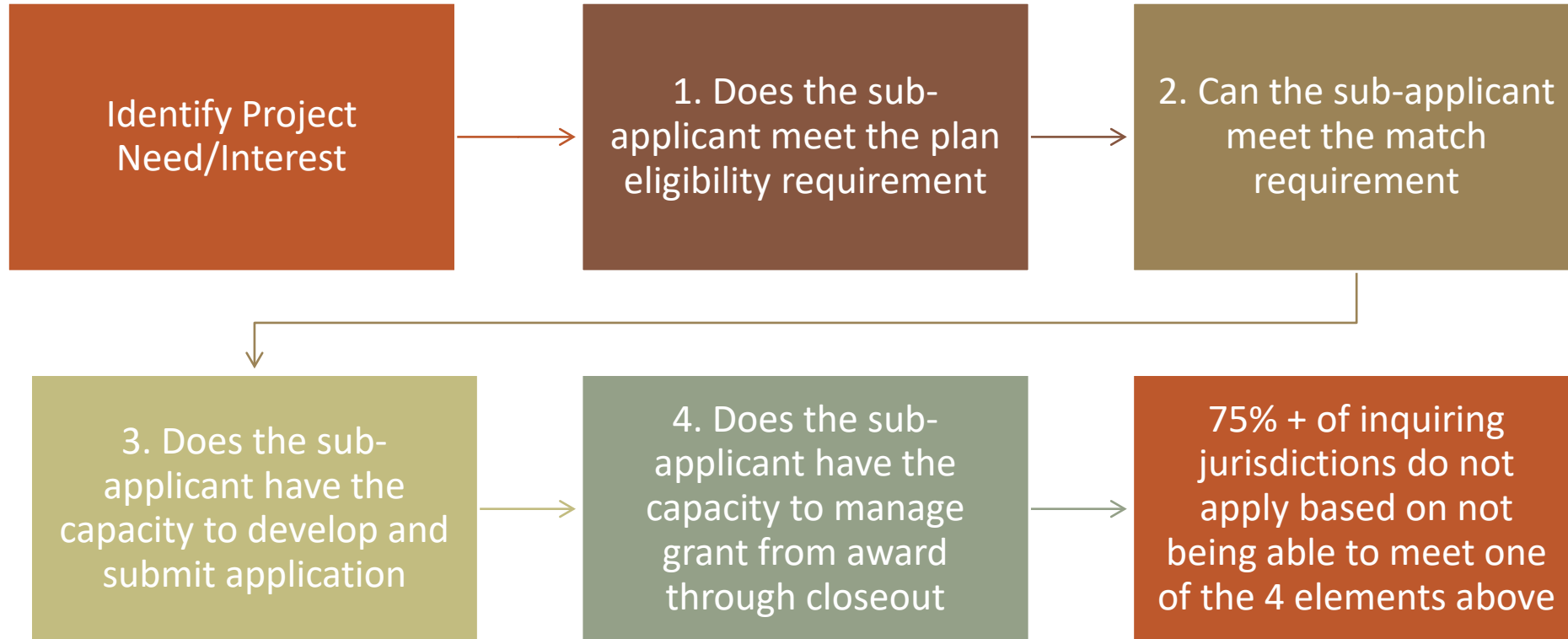
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Since 2019

- 60+ funding inquiries for projects to mitigate impact from natural disasters to values at risk (lives, property, critical infrastructure)
- \$350 million + in costs for those projects
- Cost share at the standard 25% match would be \$87.5 million

***\*\*\*These projects never made it to the application development or submittal stage\*\*\****





# Challenges Facing Communities/Sub-Applicants

# State of Montana Actions



Regional Hazard Mitigation Plans



Application Development  
Technical Support



Montana Resiliency Funding

# Beginning of the Resiliency Fund



Identified a funding need at the local level



Is there State funding available for investment in resiliency?



Must be a partnership between the State and local entity/jurisdiction



Can we partner to offset a portion of local match requirement for awarded project?

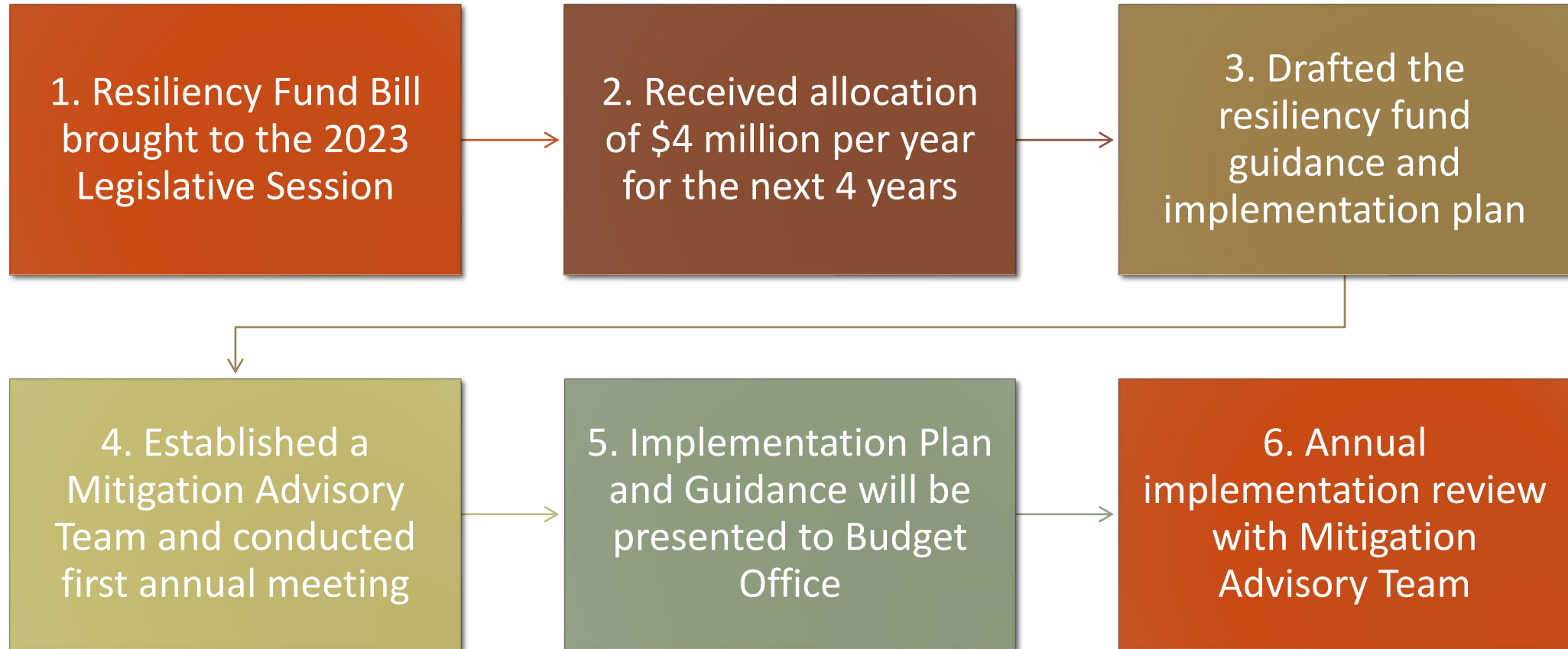


The State offset of the local match requirement could vary every year



Goal is to assist communities/entities interested in investing in resiliency across the state

# Resiliency Fund Implementation



# Resiliency Fund: State Fiscal Year 2024

## Disaster Mitigation Grants:

- HMGP
  - Received \$20 million dollars in applications for approximately \$10 million in funding

## Non-Disaster Mitigation Grants

- BRIC and FMA
  - Received \$14 million dollars in applications
- HHPD
  - Received \$7 million dollars in applications
- NEHRP
  - Anticipate receiving approximately \$200,000 in applications

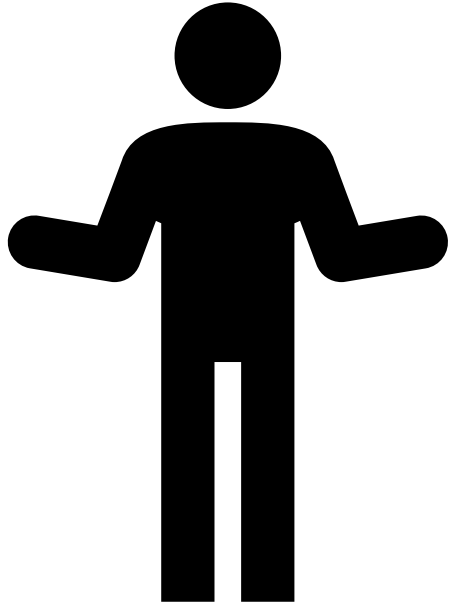
**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** Competitive within the State of Montana, with priority given to jurisdiction impacted by the disaster event that resulted in the post disaster mitigation funding.

**Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** State allocation and nationally competitive.  
**Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA):** Nationally competitive.  
**High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD):** State allocation  
**National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP):** State allocation



Federal Grant Application					Resiliency Dollars Applied		
<i>Sub-Applicant</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Total Project Cost</i>	<i>75% Federal Share Requested</i>	<i>25% Local Share</i>	<b>50% State Contribution of Match Requirement</b>	<b>50% Local Contribution of Match Requirement</b>	<b>New Local Cost Share</b>
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 1	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 3,750,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 625,000.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 2	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 2,625,000.00	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 437,500.00	\$ 437,500.00	\$ 437,500.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 3	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 562,500.00	\$ 187,500.00	\$ 93,750.00	\$ 93,750.00	\$ 93,750.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 93,750.00	\$ 31,250.00	\$ 15,625.00	\$ 15,625.00	\$ 15,625.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 5	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 6	\$ 7,250,000.00	\$ 5,437,500.00	\$ 1,812,500.00	\$ 906,250.00	\$ 906,250.00	\$ 906,250.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 7	\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 787,500.00	\$ 262,500.00	\$ 131,250.00	\$ 131,250.00	\$ 131,250.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 8	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 262,500.00	\$ 87,500.00	\$ 43,750.00	\$ 43,750.00	\$ 43,750.00
Jurisdiction/Entity Name	Project Name 9	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Subtotal of Projects			<b>\$ 14,148,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,716,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,358,125.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,358,125.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,358,125.00</b>

# How Resiliency Funding Works



## Now what?

The MT DES Mitigation team can help if you have questions or are interested in applying for mitigation funding. Please reach out to us!

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