



FEMA

November 8, 2024

The Honorable Tye Menser
Chair, Board of Thurston County Commissioners
3000 Pacific Avenue, S.E.
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Chair Menser:

On February 15, 2024, the United States Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10, approved the Thurston County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan as a multi-jurisdictional local plan as outlined in Code of Federal Regulations Title 44 Part 201. This approval provides the below jurisdictions eligibility to apply for the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act’s, Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants projects through February 14, 2029, through your state:

City of Olympia	Public Utility District 1	Thurston County
City of Tumwater	City of Lacey	Intercity Transit Authority

FEMA individually evaluates all application requests for funding according to the specific eligibility requirements of the applicable program. Though a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may meet the eligibility requirements, it may not automatically receive approval for FEMA funding under any of the programs. Approved mitigation plans may be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System. For additional information regarding the Community Rating System, please visit: www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system or contact your local floodplain manager.

Over the next five years, we encourage your communities to follow the plan’s schedule for monitoring and updating, and to develop further mitigation actions. To continue eligibility, jurisdictions must review, revise as appropriate, and resubmit the plan within five years of the original approval date.

If you have questions regarding your plan’s approval or FEMA’s mitigation grant programs, please contact Kevin Zerbe, the HARP Program Supervisor with Washington Emergency Management Division, at (253) 512-7467, who coordinates and administers these efforts for local entities.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

cc: Tim Cook, Washington Emergency Management Division