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This Week in the IRC:

Community Assistance RSF

On 02/07, FEMA CP completed fact sheet outlining potential capital raising tools for Maui County Planning Department's Long-Range Division to consider as opportunities to assist with managing the financing of rebuilding efforts.

Economic RSF

SBA Administrator along with the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience Associate Administrator attended the IRC briefing on 02/08 at the University of Hawaii (UHMC) Ka'a'ike Building. SBA FOCW PIO along with EDA Field Coordinator briefed for the Economic Recovery Support Function

Health and Social Services RSF

Public Health and Environmental Health met with the Natural and Cultural Resources RSF group to review the environmental data collection of soil, water, air, and fish in Maui post-wildfire. CDC support was offered to HIDOH for health messaging to address identified community concerns. ED Branch met with HI Dept of Education to discuss recovery projects. USDA request to support reimbursement of student meals has been submitted. The Project SERV application was also submitted and is awaiting approval by US Dept of Education.

Infrastructure RSF

EPA MA to develop Wahikuli sewerage plans developed. Sync Meetings for Lahaina Control Monuments, date moved to 03/15. DWS has developed an updated project prioritization list. FHA working on Bus Driver Issue and coordinating with the State on Road and Lahaina Terminal Ferry Repair.

Natural and Cultural Resources RSF

On 02/08, NCR RSF participated in the briefing of FEMA Administrator, Governor, Mayor, and top officials from SBA, HUD, and EPA Region 9. His briefing focused on two NCR Projects: Restoration of Moku 'ula and Loko o Mokuhinia; and Contaminants Sampling, Testing, Reporting and Monitoring Project. The need was scored for continued coordination on contaminants with the HI Department of Health and the importance of expanding contamination sampling and lab tests to include fish tissue samples.

Tip Of the Week by Disability Integration

Owning your Message

When you have a message to relay, make sure that you speak the language the audience speaks and understands (if not, make sure accommodations are made). Avoid assumptions and continue to reassess for received comprehension. Don't expect the listener to adjust to your style and/or language. And finally, you may be a detailed and focused individual, but the listener may not be-always be graceful.

- Jasmine Pena

Civil Rights Advisor

Conducted community outreach with local non-profit organizations. Continued to identify gaps in services for populations on Maui. Continue visits to NCS and DRC in conjunction with Disability Integration and CPTF.

Cultural Protocol Task Force Advisor

CPTF held its FOURTH and FIFTH cultural competency training specific to the Housing Mission and its deployed staff on 2/5/2024 and 2/6/2024, respectively, to integrate Maui-specific cultural understandings, emotional intelligence, and customer service practices into community outreach/engagement. Approximately 200 FEMA staff have participated in at least 1 of the 5 sessions held (upon request) since the start of FEMA's response and recovery efforts.

Disability Integration Advisor

Created form for DIA and Civil Rights team to utilize during licensing in. Also connected with USACE to give SME on Haul and Stall components. Did PA support such as, conversated with PA TFL on incorporate accessibility aspects into new construction. Continue communication with PDMGs for invitations to RSMs, ECs, and follow ups. DI Advisor assisting/reviewing NEMIS regarding AFN applicants for appropriate accommodations.



Some Recent Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) Activities

USACE, USDOT, CISA and HHS coordinated with Federal, State and County agencies, along with representatives from Project Vision, to discuss current displaced resident housing and infrastructure needs, for the local community.



USACE, USDOT, FMCSA and HHS continue to coordinate with Federal, State and County agencies, on needs stemming from the current school bus driver shortage.



USACE, USDOT, CISA and the federal Department of Energy (DOE) met at Maui's main power plant to discuss possible resiliency and infrastructure needs for the County of Maui.



Philanthropic Advisor

Provided Lahaina burn area tour for HUD leadership. Also planned CDBG -DR training with the Maui United Way at the University of Hawaii. Were able to confirm Maui United Way will fund the temporary school playground. Provided input for the FEMA Administrator and other leaders regarding the philanthropic engagement options during the F1 visit.

Public Assistance Advisor

Complete Recovery Scoping Meeting for United Methodist Church. Completed physical site inspection for the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resource's Upcountry Trail Debris Removal project. Provide final comments for EPA's Drinking Water Sampling and Analysis Mission Assignment statement of work. Brief Public Assistance Recovery Directorate, on Public Assistance operations for DR4724.