MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management

From: Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate

Date: April 2, 2008

Subject: Status of Request to Expedite and Approve JFO #2321

In accordance with a request from the Administration and after consultation with the Joint Fiscal Committee Chair, our office polled members of the Joint Fiscal Committee requesting that the 30 day approval process be waived and that expedited approval be granted regarding JFO #2321.

After mailing packages that included the above grant item on March 28, 2008, members were polled on April 2, 2008. As a result of that poll, members agreed that the 30 day approval process be waived and granted expedited approval to JFO #2321. In accordance with this, the Governor’s approval may now be considered final and this memo will serve as the final approval notice for JFO #2321. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

JFO #2321 — $344,292 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division. This Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides “pass through” funding for a hazard mitigation project in response to July 2007 flooding in Barre Town. The grant includes federal funding for associated administrative expenses for the Emergency Management Division ($7,731) and Barre Town ($9,716).

[JFO received 03/27/08]

cc: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
Linda Morse
Thomas Tremblay
Barbara Farr
# JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2007-2008

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1) The total cost of the Barre Town project is $435,793 and the 75% FEMA pass-thru funds are $326,845. The 25% local non-federal share is $108,948.

The property value for 3 contiguous parcels owned by F. Malnati is $329,943 based on 100% appraisal by the town. The owner will only receive $247,457 which represents 75% of the value. The owner is absorbing the 25% non-federal share of $82,485. In the purchase between the town and Malnati, any outstanding mortgages, home equity lines of credit, or other property liens, etc, will be paid off as part of the transfer. Whatever remains will be the equity that Malnati will realize in the sale of the property. The town will own the property which will be required to have permanent conservation easements.

2) The town tax appraisal was an eligible means of determining value since the property and its value was destroyed in the flooding.

3) 3 years is a standard grant for this type of project although work (including demolition, debris cleanup, regrading and reclamation) is expected to be completed during 2008.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Barb

Barbara Farr, Director
Vermont Emergency Management
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05671
800-347-0488
If you need further clarification on any of these questions, don't hesitate to let me know either by phone (828-5969) or at the above e-mail address. Please cc me on your response to Representative Obuchowski (obie@leg.state.vt.us). Thanks. --Becky
Becky- I have been in Brattleboro and just now returned home. I will provide answers in the morning. Purchase price was based on taxable property as one of several ways FEMA requires and 3 years is a standard grant and allows for demolition, regrading and stabilization of the property by the town. I will have exact purchase price in the morning. Barb

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Rebecca Buck <rbuck@leg.state.vt.us>
To: Barbara Farr
Cc: Michael Obuchowski <OBIE@leg.state.vt.us>; Steve Klein <SKLEIN@leg.state.vt.us>
Subject: Questions from Rep. Michael Obuchowski re: JFO #2321

Good afternoon Barb. Representative Michael Obuchowski has the following questions with regard to JFO #2321 ($344,292 Hazard Mitigation pass through grant):

1) With regard to the property being acquired by Barre Town, how much is being paid for each of properties?

2) Are these acquisitions supported by an appraisal?

3) Why is this a 3 year grant?

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To:         bfarr@dps.state vt.us
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CC:    Klein, Steve; Obuchowski, Michael
MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members

From: Stephen Klein, Chief Legislative Fiscal Officer
Rebecca Buck, Staff Associate

Date: March 28, 2008

Subject: Grant Request

In accordance with a request from the Administration and after consultation with the Joint Fiscal Committee Chair, we are asking that the 30 day approval process be waived and that expedited approval be granted by the members of the Joint Fiscal Committee regarding the following item:

JFO #2321 — $344,292 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Division. This Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides “pass through” funding for a hazard mitigation project in response to July 2007 flooding in Barre Town. The grant includes federal funding for associated administrative expenses for the Emergency Management Division ($7,731) and Barre Town ($9,716).

The grant will provide funding for property acquisition for a contiguous parcel that was flooded resulting in a total loss for a family that owned their residence, an in-law residence and a rental unit. While no personal items survived the flood event and this family, the in-laws, and rental family have been displaced since July 2007, they have still been paying mortgage and insurance payments (in addition to reduced taxes).
The Joint Fiscal Office has reviewed this submission and determined that all appropriate forms bearing the necessary approvals are in order. We are asking that you review the enclosed material in the next few days.

Staff will plan on polling you for your response on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (April 1 and 2). It is our hope that we can grant expedited approval to this item. If you have additional questions please feel free to contact Stephen Klein (802/828-5769 or sklein@leg.state.vt.us) or Rebecca Buck (802/828-5969; rbuck@leg.state.vt.us).

cc: James Reardon, Commissioner
Linda Morse, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Tremblay, Commissioner
Barbara Farr, Director
INFORMATION NOTICE

The following item was recently received by the Joint Fiscal Committee with a request from the Administration for expedited approval:

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*[JFO received 03/27/08]*
DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

DATE: March 19, 2008

GRANT/DONATION: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
FEMA-DR-1715-VT

GRANTOR/DONOR: US Department of Homeland Security,
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

GRANT PERIOD: February 11, 2008 – February 10, 2010

AMOUNT/VALUE:
Grants: $ 344,292
Federal Funding $ 344,292

POSITIONS REQUESTED (LIMITED SERVICE): None

ANY ON-GOING, LONG-TERM COSTS TO THE STATE: None

COMMENTS:
Grant will provide funding for a hazard mitigation project in response to July 2007 flooding along Route 302 in Barre Town. The grant includes federal funding for associated administrative expenses for the Emergency Management division of the Department of Public Safety and for the Town of Barre.

I recommend acceptance of this grant.

DEPT. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT: (INITIAL) [Signature]
SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION: (INITIAL) [Signature]
SENT TO JOINT FISCAL OFFICE: (DATE) 3/20/08

RECEIVED
MAR 27 2008
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE
March 27, 2008

Rebecca Buck
Joint Fiscal Office
Montpelier, VT

Dear Becky:

I am requesting an expedited review of the federally approved pass-through funding for the Barre Town property acquisition through FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. Vermont received a FEMA Presidential Emergency Declaration due to excessive flooding primarily in the Central Vermont area in July, 2007. Vermont Emergency Management oversees the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which receives 15% of the total cost of public repairs with federal funds to be dedicated to mitigation projects to qualifying communities around the state based on a competitive application process.

Barre Town submitted an application which was approved for a property acquisition project for a contiguous parcel that was flooded, resulting in a total loss for a family that owned their residence, an in-law residence and a rental unit. This family, the in-laws and rental family have been displaced since July, 2007. The family has been living in a small apartment with two minor children. No personal belongings survived the flood event, but donations of food, clothes and furniture were made available by friends and the Salvation Army. They have still been paying mortgage payments and insurance payments in addition to reduced taxes on property that has been uninhabitable for the last 9 months.

The final approval of the federal environmental review process was expedited by FEMA and the paperwork was submitted to the Governor’s Office in early March and approved by the Governor on March 20, 2008. It is now in the hands of the JFO. The expedited review will allow the family to purchase a new home and begin the long process of recovery, both from the mental anguish and the physical loss. Barre Town will own the property, demolish the condemned buildings, and the property will have a permanent easement against any future development.

Any questions on this project can be directed to Deputy Secretary Linda McIntire or Vermont Emergency Management Director Barbara Farr. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Smith
Secretary of Administration

MKS/rrs
STATE OF VERMONT
REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE
(use additional sheets as needed)

Form AA-1
Page 1
1. Agency:
2. Department: Public Safety
3. Program: Emergency Management

4. Legal Title of Grant: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - FEMA-DR-1715-VT
5. Federal Catalog Number: 97.039
6. Grantor and Office Address:
   U.S. Department of Homeland Security
   FEMA Region 1
   99 High Street, 6th Floor
   Boston, MA 02110-2132


8. Purpose of Grant: (attach additional sheets if needed)
   Acquisition of Malnati property and mitigation site work on Route 302/Honey Brook in Barre Town.

9. Impact on existing programs if grant is not accepted:
   If not accepted, the site area would continue to suffer the impact of flooding events. This would include further damage to structures and the nearby road.

10. Budget Information

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   | Statewide Indirects | | |
   | Dept Indirects | | |
   | Other Funds | | |
   | Specify: Local Match - Town of Barre | $38,255 | $38,255 | $38,255 |
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STATE OF VERMONT
REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE
(use additional sheets as needed)

11. Will grant monies be spent by one or more personal services contracts?
   □ YES          □ NO

If YES, signature of appointing authority here indicates intent to follow current guidelines on bidding

12a. Please list any requested sponsored positions:

   Position Titles: □ Number of Positions: □

   Total

12b. Equipment and space for these positions:
   □ Is presently available
   □ Can be obtained with available funds
   □ No equipment and/or space is required for this grant

13. Signature of Appointing Authority:

   I certify that no funds have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant.

   (Signature)          (Date)

14. Action by the Governor:

   □ Approved
   □ Rejected

   (Signature)          (Date)

15. Action by the Secretary of Administration:

   □ Request action by JFC
   □ Information to JFO

   (Signature)          (Date)

16. Action by the Joint Fiscal Committee:

   □ Request placed on JFC Agenda
   □ Approved (not placed on Agenda in 30 days
   □ Approved by JFC
   □ Rejected by JFC
   □ Approved by Legislature

   (Signature)          (Date)
Becky,

This is in reference to your telephone conversation with Tracy Bedard regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program mentioned above. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides States and local governments' financial assistance to implement measures that will permanently reduce or eliminate future damages and losses from natural hazards through safer building practices and improving existing structures and supporting infrastructure. The main purpose of this grant funding awarded to the State of Vermont is to acquire three parcels of land and demolish four structures located on the land, specifically the Malnati property in Barre. Last year this property suffered severe damage during the flood of July 9th-11th, 2007.

Out of the $344,292 awarded in federal funds for this project, $336,561 will be Subgranted (pass-through) to the Town of Barre for the acquisition and demolition of the Malnati property. The remaining $7,731 will be used by DPS to administer this grant. Please direct any other specific budget questions to Barb Farr directly.

Thank you,

Melissa

Melissa Jenkins
Management Executive
Department of Public Safety
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-2101
(802) 241-5496
(802) 241-5553 (Fax)
Ms. Barbara Farr, Director
Vermont Emergency Management Agency
Dept of Public Safety
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-2101

SUBJECT: FEMA-DR-1715-VT
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project #1R
Barre Acquisition Project, Town of Barre, VT

Dear Ms. Farr:

Enclosed please find the Regional Environmental Officer’s Record of Environmental Consideration and the Allocation, Obligation, Financial Activity and Project Management reports for the following Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Judith Maloney at our Hazard Mitigation Office at (617) 832-4797.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Merli, Director
Mitigation Division

Attachment

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Date: 02/08/2008  User Id: KTIRRELL
Comment: HMO approval of allocation for DR-1715, Fed Share $326,845, Subgr. admin $9,716, Grantee Admin $7,713, total $344,292

**Authorization**

Preparer Name: JUDITH MALONEY  Preparation Date: 02/07/2008
HMO Authorization Name: KERRI ANN TIRRELL  HMO Authorization Date: 02/08/2008

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## HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS PROGRAM
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**Preparation Date:** 02/07/2008

**HMO Authorization Name:** KERI ANN TIRRELL  
**HMO Authorization Date:** 02/09/2008

### Admin Calculation

**Admin Cost Calculation:** Sliding Scale  
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**Justification:**

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**Authorizing Official Signature**  
**Authorizing Official Title**  
**Authorization Date**

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**Authorization**

Preparer Name: Judith Malone
Preparation Date: 02/11/2008

HMO Authorization Name: Kerri Ann Tirrell
HMO Authorization Date: 02/11/2008

**Admin Calculation**

Admin Cost Calculation: Sliding Scale  Calculation Percentage: N/A

Justification:

**Sliding Scale Percentage:**

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Preparation Date: 02/11/2008

HMO Authorization Name: KERRI ANN TIRRELL  
HMO Authorization Date: 02/11/2008

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Subgrantee FIPS Code: 023-03250

Project Title: Honey Brook Acquisition/Demolition Project

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Justification:

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### Mitigation Project Description

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**Grantee**: Statewide  
**Subgrantee**: Barre (Town of)

**Grantee County Name**: Washington  
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Project Name/Number: HMGP - Barre Acquisition

Project Location: 636, 638 and 640 East Barre Road (Rte 302), Barre, VT; Lat 72.46989, Long 44.17866

Project Description: The scope of the project has two purposes.

- The first is to acquire and demolish three homes and one commercial building near the bridge at the intersection of Honey Brook and Route 302 in the Town of Barre, VT. Selected properties are as follows: Commercial building (garage) - 634 East Barre Road, parcel 32/010.01; residences at 636 and 638 East Barre Road, both on parcel 32/011; and a residence at 640 East Barre Road, parcel 06/084.

- The second proposal is to complete earth work along Honey Brook to increase flood water capacity. On the easterly side of Honey Brook, over an approximate length of 250 feet and width of 60 feet, three feet of existing soil material will be removed. This area consists primarily of lawns for the existing houses. Along another 125-foot section (downstream), the excavated area will narrow from 60 feet down to an existing concrete block wall which protects a sewer siphon. An estimated 2,100 cubic yards of material will be excavated and hauled to an acceptable land fill. The outside edge of the excavated area (375 feet in length) will be armored with type III stone. The stone armoring will be keyed in two feet below grade. The angled stone wall will rise three feet on a 2:1 foot slope. The stone armoring will be three feet thick. The disturbed areas along the brook, including the former house sites, will be reseeded and mulched.

Environmental Review Project Conditions

General comments: N/A

1. If ground disturbing activities occur during implementation, the applicant will monitor excavation activity, and if any artifacts or human remains are found during the excavation process all work is to cease and the applicant will notify FEMA, Grantee, and SHPO/THPO.

2. The applicant must follow all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and requirements for the abatement and disposal of lead, asbestos, and other routinely encountered hazardous substances. If there is an unusual material encountered or there is an extraordinary amount of lead, asbestos, or other routinely encountered material the applicant must contact the Grantee and the Grantee must contact FEMA. The applicant must also contact the relevant agency with authority for regulation of the material.
3. If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in design changes, the need for additional ground disturbance, additional removal of vegetation, or result in any other unanticipated changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA, and a re-evaluation under NEPA and other applicable environmental laws will be conducted by FEMA.

**Other Required Project Specific Conditions**

1. The applicant is required to obtain any applicable permits with the Vermont Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if this project is located in a wetland or has an effect on a wetland. All conditions of any permit acquired become conditions of this grant, and a copy of such permit(s) should be forwarded to FEMA.

2. The applicant must seed, mulch, and replant any disturbed ground with native shrubs and vegetation. A special effort shall be made to plant native vegetation at higher bank elevations.

3. The applicant must ensure that best managing practices for roads and culverts are utilized, and installation of erosion control. Construction activities that result in disturbed ground must be protected against erosion into the stream. The Town must follow the Clean Water Act’s: “Best Management Practices, BMP” for erosion control during construction of this project. This includes, the applicant applying for all local, state, and federal permits and easements necessary to complete the project and obtaining these permits prior to commencement of any work. Any conditions of these permits become conditions of this grant, project, and environmental review. In accordance with FEMA Guidelines, applicants are required to comply with the federal law provisions of: the Water Pollution Control Act, as amended; Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act; and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, requirements regarding acquisition of appropriate permits or determinations from the U.S. Army Crops of Engineers (USACE) for projects funded by FEMA. All correspondence (including copies of any permits issued by USACE) regarding these determinations should be coordinated with and copies forwarded to FEMA. The applicant must follow all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and requirements and/or obtain proper local, state, and federal permit concerning this project. Any conditions of this process or these regulations, laws, and policies become conditions of this grant, project, and environmental review.

4. FEMA and the grantee must avoid duplication of benefits between the HMGP and any other form of assistance, as required by Section 312 of the Stafford Act, and further clarified in 44 CFR 206.191

5. The subgrantee must provide for the continued maintenance of the property and the initial debris removal, vegetative site stabilization, and new landscaping.

6. Erosion control measures will be installed as needed.
7. Lead based paint and asbestos materials more than likely has been used in this structure and must be disposed of in accordance with all federal, state and local laws.

8. Oil tank and residual oil must be disposed of in accordance with all federal, state and local laws.

9. Septic tanks, if applicable, must be decommissioned in accordance with all federal, state and local laws.

10. Water wells, if applicable, must be capped or provided with locked access to prevent any safety issues.

11. Best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control along the stream bank during demolition must be in place.

12. No fill material shall be imported to site; sites will be regraded to even surface area.

13. No earthwork is needed at the river's edge, no equipment shall be allowed in the waterway.

14. No riprap shall be placed along the stream bank.

15. All restoration shall be with native seed, shrub, and tree species.

16. All existing trees shall be protected from heavy machinery with temporary fencing located at the perimeter of the drip line.

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For the acquisition/demolition of the three specified properties:

1) This is a voluntary acquisition. The subgrantee will inform the prospective participant in writing that it will not use its eminent domain authority to acquire their property should negotiations fail, and the property owner will voluntarily elect to participate in the program.

2) For the acquisition/demolition of the three specified properties, all structures and improvements must be demolished and removed from the property.

3) For this property the subgrantee will establish and document fair market value established by an independent appraisal.

4) Communities may offer up to the pre-event market value of the real property.

5) The community should ensure that the property owner is treated fairly and is offered an equitable package of benefits.

6) Subgrantees will ask all acquisition property owners to certify that they are either US citizens or qualified aliens.

7) The subgrantee will conduct a title search for the property it plans to acquire with this HMGP application. The purpose of the search is to determine the owner of and titleholder to the property and that the owner has clear title to the property.

8) The subgrantee will acquire and accept the full title that restricts use of the land to open space that runs with the property in perpetuity.

9) The deed transferring title of the property will be recorded with restrictions according to State law after the settlement and will run with the land in perpetuity.

10) Existing buildings will be removed within 90 days of settlement.

11) Tree protection (temporary fencing) will be installed.

12) Buildings and improvements will be demolished and all material removed from site.

13) Site will be uniformly graded.

14) Site will be restored with native seed, shrub and tree species.

15) Erosion control measures will be removed when site is stabilized.

16) Disposal of structures and other improvements will be sent to permitted off-site locations only.

Monitoring Requirements:
Quarterly Reports and final inspection of scope of work and accounting records are required.
Memo

To: David Beatty, Budget & Management Analyst
From: Tracy Bedard, Programs Administration Supervisor
Date: 03/10/08
CC: file
Re: Request for Grant Acceptance

Attached you will find a Request for Grant Acceptance for the federal funding awarded to the State of Vermont for the Presidential declaration of major disaster #FEMA-DR-1715-VT.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 802-241-5574 or email at tbedard@dps.state.vt.us.

Thank you.