

House Bill 2935 requires the Chair of the State Resiliency Office to report quarterly to the Joint Committee on Flooding and prepare an annual report of the progress of flood recovery and resiliency at the end of each year.

Resiliency

Two training meetings were held to familiarize Sector Leads and Committee members with the National Disaster Recovery Functions, and multiple state resiliency initiatives as a model for the WV resiliency format.

Six Sectors

- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Environmental
- Housing
- Economic & Workforce
- Community Planning & Capacity Building
- Health & Social Services

Each of the six Sector Committees began meeting.

- Determine Stakeholders to incorporate into Committees
- Determine Scope of the Committee
- Write a Vision Statement

Each of the six Sector Committees progressed through the previous steps; then began to develop sub-sector assessment topics.

The State Resiliency Office has been walking each Committee through the process of assessing concerns in their area in terms of:

- Shocks,
- Stresses,
- Vulnerabilities
- Interdependencies with other Sectors
- Characteristics unique to WV
- Target Levels of Performance

Sector Leadership meeting is being planned.

- Collaboration with other Sectors
- Communication & Differentiation
- Training on developing Strategies for resiliency in each area that has been assessed.

Resiliency Visits have been conducted in several counties affected by the June 2016 flood, to assess ongoing Recovery needs.

Recovery

Updates to the Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding were provided in person by Major General Hoyer and/or RISE staff members during the April, July, August, September, November, and December committee meetings. These updates included status reports for the WV RISE program and weekly progress reports are also e-mailed to each member of the committee.

The State continues to build collaborations and partnerships with the subrecipients to the RISE Program. WV VOAD and Marshall University also attended the committee meetings to discuss the case management and environmental review process.

Continued discussions are held with committee members and the State Purchasing Division on the state purchasing and bidding process, to provide a more effective and expedient process for future solicitations.

Current Numbers for the RISE Program:

Applications for RISE Housing Program: 1476
Applicants Ineligible: 986
Projects Completed: 101
Projects Remaining: 389
Houses in active construction: 74 homes

Applications for Bridge Home Program: 60
Bridges Complete: 10
Bridges in construction: 1

Applications for Demolition and Clearance: 311
Projects Complete: 2

Mitigation

The State of West Virginia has been allocated \$106,494,000.000 of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding. These funds provide an opportunity to fortify resiliency measures to decrease the impact of future flooding events and other natural hazards in the 12 disaster declared counties of Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers, and Webster.

Fifty percent of the funding must benefit the most impacted and distressed counties of Clay, Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Nicholas and fifty percent of the funds must benefit Low to Moderate Income persons. The State has requested an extension of the Action Plan submission to HUD from February 3, 2020 to August 3, 2020.