

LOCAL FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION

(Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act, as amended)

FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Define flood problem
- Evaluate alternatives to reduce flood damages; structural (channel improvements, levees, retention) or non-structural (flood warning and preparedness, flood proofing, permanent evacuation of flood plain)
- Recommend a project for implementation if one is found to be technically and economically feasible, environmentally acceptable, and supported by a non-Federal partner; may be either the Federal project or a locally preferred project.
- Complete a project design as a basis for preparing plans and specifications.
- The first \$100,000 of a feasibility study is a Federal expense; study costs in excess of \$100,000 are cost-shared on a 50/50 split between the Government and non-Federal partner. The feasibility study is completed within 24 months of initiation.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS (P&S)

- Preparation of contract documents and drawings
- Execution of the Project Cooperation Agreement
- Non-Federal partner provides all lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and disposal areas (LERRD's)
- Up to 24 months to complete (including real estate acquisitions), initially Federally financed
- Construction contract advertised and awarded

CONSTRUCTION

- Cost-shared between Government and non-Federal partner. Non-Federal partner contributes 5% of the total project cost (P&S, LERRD's, construction, and management) in cash. If the sum of the 5% cash contribution and the value of the LERRD's is less than 35% of the total project cost, additional cash is required to meet the 35% minimum contribution. Non-Federal contributions in excess of 50% and 35% for structural and nonstructural project, respectively, are reimbursed by the Government.

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

- Studies and projects are subject to the availability of Federal funds
- Total Federal participation in a study and project is limited to \$7.0 million
- Non-Federal partner is responsible for all costs in excess of the Federal maximum of \$7.0M, incremental costs associated with a locally preferred plan, and the total cost of project betterments

How to Request Assistance: Requests for assistance must be in writing. A sample letter of request is provided.

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