ISC | COMMUNITY DISASTER RECOVERY TIPS

As we prepare for what's predicted to be a busy hurricane season,

we at Integrated Solutions Consulting wanted to share twenty disaster reco-very actions your community can take before and after a storm. These actions are supported by our expertise and over 25 years of helping communities not only maximize Federal disaster assistance funding but also spearhead community disaster recovery success and rebuild a resilient future.

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20 Important Actions for Community Disaster Recovery Success

Phase 1 - Before the Storm

- 1. Prepare disaster-specific cost codes to document expenditures.
- 2. Create administrative cost procedures to ensure FEMA reimbursement.
- 3. Establish pre-disaster contracts for debris removal and monitoring.
- 4 Establish governance procedures to make important disaster recovery decisions.

Phase 2 - Landfall

- 1. Gather all your policies such as insurance, pay policy, contractor and vendor contracts, and procurement policy and upload into the FEMA Grants portal.
- 2. Document donated/volunteered resources to offset local share.
- 3. Ensure all emergency contracts are properly procured per C.F.R. §§ 200.317 200.326.
- 4. Thoroughly track debris removal activities to expedite funding.

Phase 3- Assessing Damages

- 1. Activate disaster recovery operations immediately.
- 2. Thoroughly document all disaster related damages.
- 3. Systematically organize your disaster documentation.
- 4. Make use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs or Drones) to assess and document damages.

Phase 4 - Managing Disaster Assistance Funding & Community Recovery

- 1. Understand the pros and cons of FEMA's Grant Portal.
- 2. Utilize disaster grant management software to track and manage disaster assistance funds.
- 3. Engage the whole community and unite community stakeholders throughout the disaster recovery process.
- 4. Identify a Champion to lead the community's disaster recovery efforts.

Phase 5 - Disaster Recovery Closeout

- 1. Ensure that all supporting and backup documentation for disaster assistance grant funding is well organized.
- 2. Use a cloud-based knowledge/content management system to store all supporting and backup documentation in an electronic format.
- 3. Promote and celebrate the community's disaster recovery progress.
- 4. Sustain community resiliency for future generations by memorializing the event.

