

## 5.0 Hazard Mitigation Grants and Planning

The HM Grants and Planning Group supports local, Tribal, and State compliance with the laws, regulations, and guidance of Section 404 of the *Stafford Act*, Section 322 of the *Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000*, and the *2007 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act*. This includes assistance to local, Tribal and State entities in development of multi-hazard mitigation plans, and utilization of hazard mitigation funding to reduce the loss of life and property from future hazard events.

### 5.1 Functional Responsibilities

Major functions performed in conjunction with State and Tribal counterparts by the HM Grants and Planning Group include the following:

- Provide technical assistance to implement the HMGP in support of the State's and Tribes' hazard mitigation priorities.
- Assure that the State, Tribal, and local governments comply with the hazard mitigation planning requirements of Section 322 of the *Disaster Mitigation Act*.
- Ensure that Section 322 requirements are integrated into hazard mitigation strategies and into recovery efforts, including HMGP, PA, and Long Term Community Recovery programs as well as programs from other Federal agencies and partners.
- In coordination with the State and Tribe, provide technical assistance regarding the process to develop, maintain, and update State, Tribal, and local hazard mitigation plans.
- Provide assistance to applicants in moving from hazard mitigation plans to projects that effectively implement their plan.
- Disseminate hazard mitigation planning and grant program information to other programs in the JFO.
- Assure adequate capacity in State, Tribal, and FEMA workforce to fulfill grants management requirements.

### 5.2 Group Organization

The HM Grants and Planning Group is comprised of two teams (Figure 5.1).

- *Planning Team* – provides assistance to local, Tribal, and State entities to develop multi-hazard mitigation plans to ensure compliance with Section 322 of the *Disaster Mitigation Act*; and ensures that the plan strategies are incorporated into hazard mitigation strategies and recovery efforts.
- *Grants Team* – works with local, Tribal, and State governments to utilize hazard mitigation and other funding to reduce the loss of life and property from future hazard events primarily through the HMGP.

