

# Laying the Groundwork for Disaster Recovery

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# Introduction to Fahe

- Membership-based organization supporting housing initiatives in KY and beyond
- Our team:
  - Grant administration and program consulting
  - KY Experience
    - Partnering with local, state, and non-profit partners to meet community needs

# Purpose

- What can each of us do now, in our communities, to begin planning for streamlined recovery when disaster hits?
- How have your communities already been impacted?

# Stages of Disaster Recovery

- **Response** — Immediate actions to protect life and property
- **Short-term recovery** — Restoring basic services, initial cleanup
- **Long-term recovery** — Rebuilding, restoring, and improving resilience
  - Long-term recovery is a lengthy, resource intensive process
  - Not all disasters are the same: funding and approach can differ
  - **Choices made early in response impact the speed and quality of long-term recovery**

# Preparing BEFORE Disaster Hits

- Disasters are inevitable — recovery takes years, not weeks
- Federal funding is slow (tempering expectations)
- Communities with strong pre-disaster relationships recover faster

# Household Readiness

- Preparing at the household and community level
- Flood insurance requirements — understand coverage gaps
- Safe-keeping important documents — keep copies off-site/digitally
- Documenting damage & assistance — photos, receipts, appeal processes
- How can you use past experiences to encourage households to prepare for the future?

# Local Government Readiness

- Preparing at the household and community level
- Identify community needs before disaster Build relationships with:
  - Nonprofit housing partners
  - State and federal recovery offices
- Ask:
  - Who serves our community now?
  - Where are the gaps?
  - What new partnerships are possible?



# Brainstorm

- Who are the partners in your community that will be integral to recovery when disaster hits?

# Working Together for Faster Recovery

- Align with nonprofits, faith-based groups, volunteer organizations
- Coordinate so each group knows its role
- Identify multiple funding sources now (not just FEMA)
- Key reminder: Preparedness is built on relationships, not just a binder on a shelf.

# Examples of Recovery Programs

- Housing:
  - Buyouts
  - Rehabilitation/reconstruction
  - New construction (single-family and multi-family)
- Infrastructure:
  - Roads, utilities, public facilities
- Economic Development
- Note: The more planning & partnerships you have now, the faster these programs can start after a disaster.

# Success Stories

- What Eastern KY got right
- Reliance on Partners and Relationships
- Jumpstarting long-term recovery

# QUESTIONS?