

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT PERIOD:

August 2019 - September 2020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Multnomah County and its surrounding jurisdictions have substantial risk exposure to catastrophic earthquake events. In light of this ever-present threat, the Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management has commissioned a continuity of government and catastrophic earthquake response planning project to increase regional readiness. The goal of the project is to develop inclusive and comprehensive plans and supporting materials that adhere to Multnomah's "all-hazards" and equity-oriented approach.

Multnomah County has contracted with Constant and Associates to develop these projects in tandem utilizing funds from the State Homeland Security Program Grant.

Catastrophic Earthquake Annex Development	Continuity of Government (COG) Planning
	
<p>The Annex developed by this project will augment existing planning by specifying how the county will respond to a catastrophic earthquake, with particular attention to the coordination of information and resources among the jurisdictions within the County. This component of the project will increase Multnomah County's readiness to manage no-notice catastrophic incidents by pre-establishing critical information, procedures, and systems that are uniquely essential to handling such events.</p>	<p>The purpose of COG planning is to define the mechanisms, systems, and information necessary to successfully implement a jurisdiction's order of succession and maintain, or rapidly reinstate, lawful and effective governmental leadership in the aftermath of a catastrophic event. This component of the project, in combination with the recent upgrades to County continuity of operations plans, will increase the resilience of Multnomah's government and enhance its ability to deliver critical services when disasters occur.</p>
Key Deliverables: Baseline assessment, pre-scripted resource requests, EQ Annex, training materials, table top exercise (TTX)	Key Deliverables: Baseline assessment, COG field guide, training materials, training workshop