

# SEATTLE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Seattle Office of Emergency Management  
Curry Mayer - Director



City of Seattle

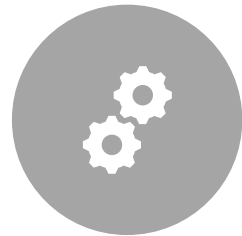
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OEM's MISSION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY:

*We partner with the community to prepare for, respond to, mitigate the impacts of, and recover from disasters.*



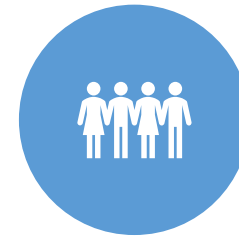
PLANNING



OPERATIONS



GRANTS AND  
MITIGATION



COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT



HAZARD ID &  
ANALYSIS



# Seattle Office of Emergency Management



Director - Curry Mayer



Deputy Director - Andrew Stevens



Executive Assistant - Laura Fleury

Community Engagement Manager - Sophia Lopez

RCPG Project Manager - Consuelo Crow



Finance and Grants Coordinator -- John Zuber

Recovery and Mitigation Coordinator - Erika Lund



Admin Specialist II - Chris Carmen



Planning Program Manager - Kate Hutton



Operations Program Manager - Ken Neafcy



Community Engagement Coordinator - Weenta Stephanos

Community Engagement Coordinator - Kenney Tran



Planning Coordinator - Meg Hamele



Hazards and Technology Coordinator (SA2) - TJ McDonald #00025570



Operations Resilience Coordinator -- Tey Thach



Training and Exercise Coordinator - Jordan Bright



# Citywide Program: What We Do Every Day

- Applicant Agent for FEMA funding
- Identify Hazards & Analyze Vulnerabilities
- Assess Capabilities
- Emergency Planning
- Conduct & Coordinate Training
- Continuity of Government/Operations
- Staff Duty Officer (SDO) 24/7/365
- Design and Conduct Exercises
- Teach & Build Community Preparedness = Resilience
- Ensure Operational Readiness
- Build Partnerships
- Respond and Recover from Disasters
- City Wide EM Strategic Plan (newest being developed for 2024-2026)
- Activate the Emergency Operations Center



# Small Office with a Big Impact

- OEM represents 0.17% of the overall City budget
- OEM Budget 2024: \$2,935,632
- As Applicant Agent, OEM facilitated FEMA reimbursements:
  - 2023: \$9,189,297
  - 2024: \$8,385,254
- Since 1993, OEM has brought in over \$84 million dollars in recovery and mitigation grants
- Also to note: a federal Emergency Management Performance Grant funds three of OEM's positions.



# Grants & Mitigation

- **\$8,385,254** in 2024:
  - Planning award for Lower Duwamish Sea Level Rise Scoping Project
  - Library Cooling Centers
  - Citywide Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Mitigation

**SMART INVESTING**  
**MITIGATION SAVES**

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Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2017 Interim Report  
[nibs.org/mitigationsaves](http://nibs.org/mitigationsaves)

National Institute of  
BUILDING SCIENCES

FEMA

The infographic features a dark blue circle on the left containing the text 'EVERY \$1 SPENT ON MITIGATION, SAVES \$6 ON FUTURE DISASTER LOSSES'. An orange arrow curves from the top of this circle towards a stack of white papers with green outlines on the right. The top paper has a green dollar sign icon, and a green circle with a white plus sign is positioned above the stack. The background is light gray.

# 2024 Priorities

- Updating: Citywide Emergency Management Program Strategic Plan (3 year)
- Updating: Seattle Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis (SHIVA)
- Increasing: Tsunami Preparedness (Community Engagement)
- Increasing: the number of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Incident Command System (ICS) training opportunities
- Increasing: Private Sector engagement with small and big business



# Seattle Hazards

The City of Seattle has identified 18 hazards that carry the greatest risk to the city. Out of this group the city considers earthquakes, winter storms, wind storms and terrorism to pose the highest risk due to their likelihood and potential consequences.

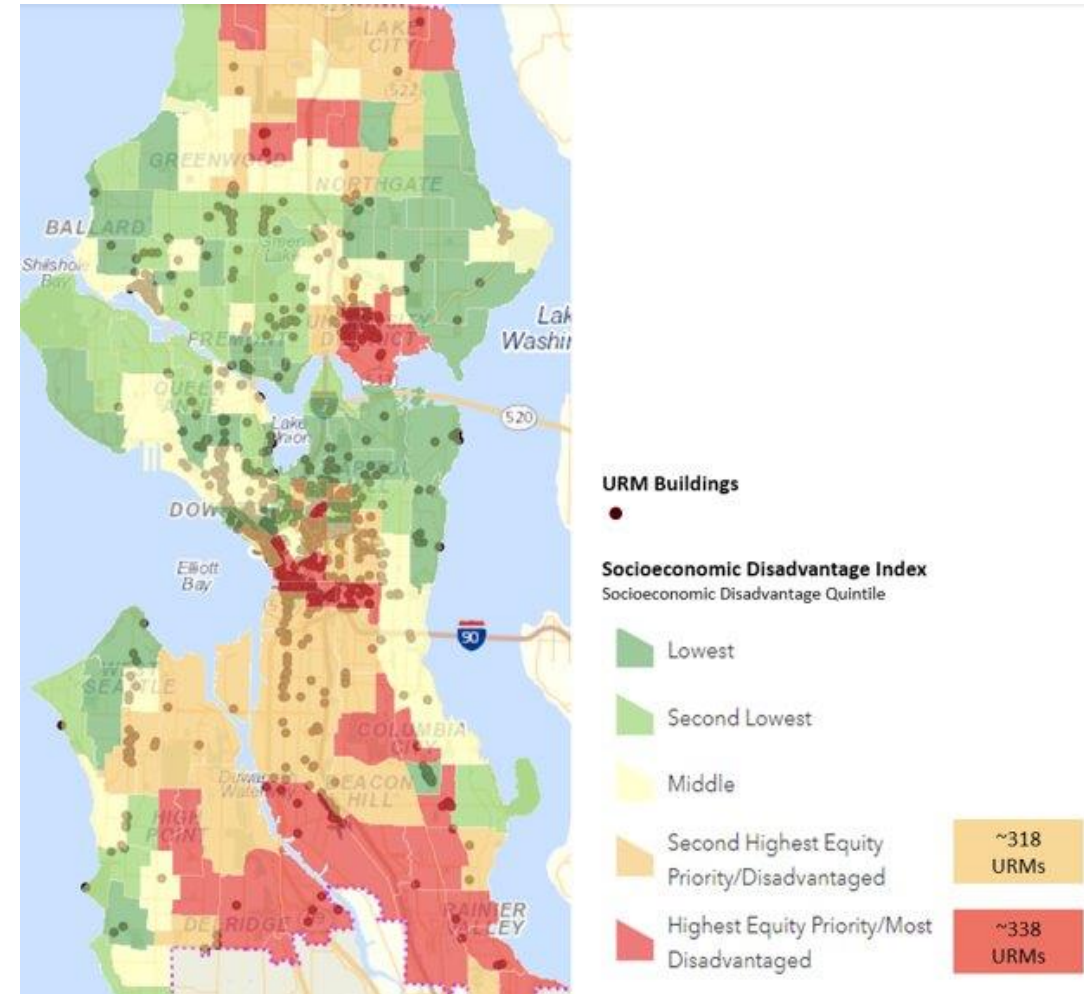
1. Earthquakes
2. Snow & Ice Storm
3. Wind Storms
4. Power Outages
5. Cyber Attack/Disruption
6. Landslides
7. Disease Outbreaks
8. Flooding
9. Excessive Heat Events
10. Tsunamis/Seiches
11. Infrastructure & Structural Failure
12. Fires
13. Transportation Incidents
14. Water Shortages
15. Social Unrest
16. Attacks
17. HazMat Incidents
18. Volcano Hazards





# Seattle Hazard Identification & Vulnerability Analysis (SHIVA)

- Hazards
  - Magnitude, frequency, impact
  - 5 categories: Geophysical, Biological, Intentional, Transportation & Infrastructure, Weather
- Community profiles
  - Physical geography, access to transportation, emergency services, economy, healthcare, utilities, media
- Vulnerabilities
  - Social, access to services, urban concentration
- City capabilities
  - Utilities & hospital services concentrated in middle of city
- Extensive research and coordination with Regional, State, and Federal partners
- Update every 3 years



[Seattle Hazard Explorer](#)

# The Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- The EOC is the City's command center
  - Response during disasters OR planned events.
- EOC activations are authorized in conjunction w/ the Mayor's Office
- Intent: Create Unity of Effort – One Team One Mission

## Core functions within the citywide EOC:

1. Situational awareness
2. Plans of Action
3. Resource management
4. Policy Decisions



# Summary

- Public Safety Mission
- Small OEM team works with all city departments
  - Blue sky and Gray sky days
  - Response small part of overall mission
- Relationships inside and outside the city critical
  - Universities – local and international
  - Private Sector – Gates Foundation, Amazon
  - Big City Emergency Managers
    - Ties to Federal agencies & legislatures
- Applicant agent role brings millions to the city
  - Mitigation and disaster recovery reimbursement

