



Disasters: Context for Collaboration

- Disasters inevitable in cultural institutions
- Some institutions lack the resources to respond to a major disaster
 - Water leaks and floods
 - Fire
 - Earthquakes
- Networks encourage and support disaster preparedness and response among their members.

Disaster Planning

- Institutional disaster planning
 - WPI workshops
 - WESTPAS workshops: <http://westpas.org/>
 - COSA PreP Plan
- Collaborative disaster networks – work group
 - General Guidelines
 - Tools to help groups form networks
- State-wide services – work group

Networks: Organize by Counties

- Emergency Management – organized at county and city level in Washington
- But might cross county or state lines
- Large counties – more than one network

Tools To Help Networks Organize

- Model Mission Statement
- Model Mutual Aid Agreement
- Model list of Disaster Recovery Supplies
- State wide services

Model Mission Statement

- To help organizations respond to disasters affecting cultural resources and collections
- Members help each other by providing advice, support and/or actual recovery assistance
- Membership is a commitment by an organization to make disaster preparedness and staff training an administrative priority.

Model Mission Aid Agreement

- This is what we agree to.
- “Nothing in this Agreement will be deemed to create a contract, legal agreement, employment relationship, partnerships (or fiduciary relationships) among the parties. No party to this Agreement shall be liable for any action spoke, written or taken.”

Model list of Disaster Recovery Supplies

- Compared lists from existing networks
- Most lists are for library-based networks
- Work in process
- We can identify sources for some supplies and services, but
- Local sources of supplies – network responsibility

State Wide Services

- Website – Office of the Secretary of State
- Washington Collections Emergency Response Team (WCERT)
- State wide agreement with a emergency recovery service (OSS or OFM RMD)
 - Expedites response without bid process
 - Massachusetts
 - Montana
- COSTEP (Coordinated Statewide *Disaster Preparedness*) IMLS funded

Issues: Funding

- Network resources
 - San Diego/Imperial County \$500 initial; \$100-\$300 renewal
 - Vermont: \$50 - \$75
- Other – WCERT help?
 - WSL – LSTA initiative
 - Insurance companies
 - Department of Homeland Security – FEMA
 - NEH Preservation Assistance Grants (\$6,000)

Issue: Implementation

- Who should be taking the lead in forming a network?
 - C2C work group on collaborative disaster planning
 - WESTPAS disaster preparedness workshop graduates
- Pick a couple of counties to start – build on their experience
- Once WCERT established, it can help other networks organize

Collaborative Disaster Planning Work Group

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