UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RECEIVES GRANT TO IMPLEMENT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Grant will assist to mitigate exposures at the Rosenstiel School campus on Virginia Key

MIAMI, FL — The University of Miami has received a $226,500 grant to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to students, faculty, facilities and research assets.

The grant is part of $3.2 million being awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Emergency Preparedness & Response Directorate (EP&R)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under FEMA’s Disaster Resistant University (DRU) program.

“The University of Miami should be proud of their selection as a participant in FEMA’s Disaster Resistant University program,” said Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. “Receiving a grant in such a competitive program is truly noteworthy.”

In the past decade, disasters have affected university and college campuses with increasing frequency, bringing with them injuries and in some instances deaths. Nearly all instances have brought monetary losses and disruptions of the institution’s teaching, research and public service functions.

In fiscal year 2004, the Disaster Resistant University program funds were competitively awarded with a national priority of ensuring that program funds benefit a representative range of universities, based on hazard type as well as size, location and academic community served, which included consideration of historically black colleges and universities and tribal colleges and universities.

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