Community Planning and Capacity Building

The Role of Local Government in Recovery

Community-wide vs. Individual Long-Term Recovery

There are two kinds of Long-term Recovery; Community-wide and Individual.
- *It can be confusing because each is referred to as Long-Term Recovery*. This training is focused on <u>Community-wide</u> Long-term recovery.
- There is some overlap and debate about where Community-wide Long-Term Recovery ends and where Individual Long-Term Recovery begins but they are mostly distinct endeavors.

Community-wide Long-term Recovery	*Individual* Long Term Recovery
Includes: Repairing infrastructure, Restoring public spaces and utilities, Rebuilding business districts, Restoring public buildings such as libraries, schools, and town halls, Developing low income, senior, accessible housing units.	**Includes:** Individual/family shelter needs, Individual Assistance, Individual/family insurance filing/issues, Individual business claims, Individual mental health issues
Generally performed by: Led by Local Governments	**Generally performed by:** 1) Non-profits (who are often members of VOAD's or Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and 2) Higher units of government (State and Federal)
This is not to say that Local Governments do this in a vacuum. Far from it! Local Governments must partner with Community Organizations, Regional Econ dev/planning agencies, County Development Authorities, State programs, universities, volunteers, and the business community	**This is not to say that Local Governments** are not deeply concerned about each resident. Just that they will have their hands full addressing other issues. Also, the organization's listed above are better at it.
Other Undergirding everything in Community Long-Term Recovery is Planning and Mitigation. Communities that include: 1) Mitigation actions and 2) Inclusive, comprehensive planning in recovery decision-making are called "Resilient" communities	**Other** Local governments should definitely become familiar with these organizations so as to provide informed referrals.