

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
April 13, 2022**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Applicant: Okaloosa County BOCC

Project Title:

HMGP 4486 – (104) Okaloosa County BOCC, Sunset Blvd Duplex, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

Sunset Blvd West, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposed work is the elevation of a multi-family home to a minimum of 6 feet above the base flood elevation. The home is located in the X Zone but has suffered repeated damage from floods resulting in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims. The structure will be elevated on stem walls and individual piers on a continuous footer and a new concrete slab shall be placed under the elevated structure. This project shall reduce potential property damage that may occur during a flood event.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) acquisition of the subject property and demolition of the structure. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the flood damage potential remains unmitigated; and Alternative 2) is cost-prohibitive and reduces housing stock in an area already served by necessary infrastructure and designated for residential use in a population center, making it impracticable.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (no later than May 12, 2022). The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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