

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
March 4, 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: City of Apalachicola

Project Title: HMGP DR4486-063 – Franklin County, City of Apalachicola, Wastewater Vacuum Station Portable Generator

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes surrounding the Wastewater Vacuum Station located at 108 Avenue F, Apalachicola, Florida (corner of 9th Avenue and Avenue F).

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The portable generator will be used to provide power to the Wastewater Vacuum Station in the event of a power outage.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) to rent generators during an outage. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) If no action is taken to mitigate this issue the current generator will continue to be overworked, ultimately causing it to fail, heating up the surrounding electronics, and creating an electrical issue causing the facility to fail. If this happens, the residents, property, and environment are at greater risk of sanitary sewage overflow throughout the city and loss of sewage services during a power outage. Under Alternative 2) Renting generators does not completely solve the City of Apalachicola's problems because at the time of disasters it is extremely difficult to find generators that are available, and in past storms, roads were not always passable for the first few days which would leave these critical facilities without power. If we were able to secure a rental generator, the City will contract out the electrical work for the electrical hookups to the facility for a portable generator and rent a portable generator to keep the facility in operation during a power outage. Due to these issues, the City decided to pursue the project to purchase a portable generator.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies; and other interested parties 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 Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice. 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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