

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
June 2, 2021**

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-4399-373 – Water Street Storm Water Improvements, Flood-Drainage

Location of Proposed Work:

Three locations along Water Street near the waterfront:
Drainage Basin 8/Avenue C-Leslie Street-Water Street
Drainage Basin 9/Avenue B-Commerce Street/Water Street
Along 4th Street/Water Street

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Phase I - Upon execution of the Phase I grant contract, City staff will develop detailed specifications for the required scope of work for Phase I, Design & Permitting. These specifications will be put out as a request for bids with a response deadline. Upon evaluation by staff and approval by the City Commission, a purchase order will be issued to the selected vendor/firm. Specific implementation tasks associated with Phase I include conducting a site survey and H&H study, obtaining the necessary construction permits, and preparing engineered design plans. Final planning documents will be submitted to FDEM and FEMA for review upon completion, and closeout reporting and activities will be completed for the Phase I grant. Phase 2 - Upon execution of the Phase II grant contract, City staff will conduct the procurement process, as outlined above, for Phase II, Construction. Phase II will implement the construction of the project according to design specifications resulting from Phase I.

Project Alternatives:

Should this project not be completed, structures, streets, intersections, and sidewalks along Water Street and throughout the historic downtown commercial district will remain subject to threat of flooding from heavy rainfall and storm events. Further if the City is unable to meet its concurrency requirements related to infrastructure needs, any proposed or future development could be stalled. These issues would impede downtown development and economic development efforts, put historic resources at risk of damage and deterioration, and negatively impact the overall quality of life in and around the City of Apalachicola.

Alternatively, the City could install trench drains. While the project would likely have a similar cost, this alternative would have more significant long-term maintenance needs, as the trench drains would have a high propensity for filling with sediment and trash.

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 Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice, June 17, 2021. 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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