

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
06/01/2026**

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.

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-4399-150-R City of Apalachicola, Market Street Vacuum Station, Utility Mitigation

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:

190 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
166 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
167 High Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
161 High Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
180 4th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
135 5th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
138 5th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320
76 H Avenue, Apalachicola, FL 32320
132 Dr Frederick S Humphries St, Apalachicola, FL 32320
131 8th St, Apalachicola, FL 32320
138 8th St, Apalachicola, FL 32320
139 9th St, Apalachicola, FL 32320
110 Ave H, Apalachicola, FL 32320

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Apalachicola proposes a wastewater utility mitigation project in the historic downtown commercial district, which includes the construction of a new vacuum station at 184 Market Street and associated wastewater infrastructure improvements along Avenue G and Avenue H near 6th, 8th, and 9th Streets. Project activities include demolition of the existing wetwell, site preparation activities such as clearing, grubbing, excavation, and trenching, and construction of a new approximately 126-square-foot vacuum station building housing a duplex vacuum pump, collection tank, and discharge pumps. The project also includes installation of approximately 488 linear feet of 8-inch vacuum main, approximately 1,906 linear feet of 4-inch force main, a 2,000-gallon collection tank, associated utility connections, paving, fencing, and a permanent diesel generator to maintain operations during power outages.

The purpose of the project is to improve the reliability and resiliency of the City's wastewater management system, reduce the risk of service interruptions during storm events, and support continued wastewater operations within the community. All work will be completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including floodplain management and environmental compliance requirements.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) expansion of the existing vacuum station. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) no improvements would be made to the existing wastewater infrastructure. This alternative would not address the current limitations of the aging system, including operational inefficiencies, potential service disruptions, and vulnerability during storm events, and would not meet the current or future wastewater management needs of the community. Under Alternative 2) this alternative was determined to be less practicable due to site constraints, limited capacity for long-term system improvements, and higher overall costs associated with modifying the existing facility. In addition, expansion of the existing station would not fully address resiliency and floodplain management considerations as effectively as the proposed project.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impact 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 or **by June 30, 2026**. 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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