

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
10/08/2021**

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:**

Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

**Project Title:**

FMA-FL-2020 - EMA-2020-FM-052-0007 - Hillsborough County - Mitigation Reconstruction

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of one (1) residential property along 18th St NW, Ruskin, FL 33570.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

Hillsborough County intends to facilitate the reconstruction of one (1) residential structure located in the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE) that has experienced flood loss. To reduce the current flooding problem, the proposed will demolish and rebuild the current structure so that the first floor rests at least three (3) feet above the base flood elevation (BFE). Space below the BFE will be used as non-habitable storage, parking, or building access space. Any enclosed area below the BFE will have a minimum of two hydrostatic openings on two separate walls to allow for automatic entry/exit of floodwaters, and all construction materials below BFE will be flood-resistant. The electrical and mechanical equipment outside the structure will also be elevated to at least three (3) feet above the BFE. The project will comply w/ASCE 24-14, per the Guidance and will be designed in compliance with NFIP standards 44 CFR Part 60. The Hazard Mitigation Program will ensure that all applicable codes and regulations are adhered to, and will provide proof of as-built, final elevation certificate and certificate of occupancy as required by the State and FEMA for final inspection.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) structure elevation. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the property will remain vulnerable to flood risks, including property damage and health hazards; as such, continued negative impacts on the property, residents, and community may be experienced; and under Alternative 2), structure elevation would be difficult due to the structure's age, slab on grade foundations, proximity to neighbors, and finished floor elevation height required.

**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 which is **11/08/2021**. 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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