

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
May 6, 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:

Monroe County BOCC

Project Title:

HMGP-4337-513-R: Monroe County BOCC, Elevation of Residential Structures

Location of Proposed Work:

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

- Sunrise Drive, Big Pine Key, FL 33043
- Angelfish Road, Big Pine Key, FL 33043
- 109 Street Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050
- Overseas Highway 275, Long Key, FL 33001

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposal is to elevate the existing one-story structures above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) with at least 2.0 feet of freeboard. The scope of work shall include building and site preparation along with disconnection and reconnection of utilities. The structures shall be separated from their foundation and raised in place with hydraulic jacks. A new open foundation on piers, pilings or concrete columns shall be erected per engineering designs and temporary lifting equipment shall be released after the foundation system is appropriately connected to each floor structure. Construction of appropriate means of ingress and egress shall be provided, and all

utilities and service equipment shall be elevated to required height. The subject structures, located within the community's Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), are at risk of flooding since their lowest floor elevations are well below the identified Based Flood Elevations (BFE). The proposed project shall greatly reduce future damage, health, and safety risk for these homeowners. The habitable living areas of the original structure shall be elevated, and the non-habitable areas (if any) shall be converted to storage or parking. The project shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Florida Building Code, ASCE 24-14 or latest edition, NFIP standards in 44 CFR, Part 60 and/or local floodplain ordinances or any other applicable local regulations. The project shall provide protection against a 100-year storm event. Activities shall be completed in strict compliance with Federal, State and Local applicable Rules and Regulations.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) relocation to higher grounds which is not cost effective as there are limited higher floodplains in the County. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) Repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) Relocation disrupts a community and its core residents. Finally, the goal of any mitigation measure is to reduce or eliminate the potential of flood damage in a way that is cost effective, complies with all applicable floodplain regulations, and is acceptable to the homeowner in terms of appearance and livability

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 (**June 5th, 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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