

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
September 18, 2019**

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 Hollywood

Project Title: City of Hollywood, Pump Station E-03, Generator

Location of Proposed Work:

804 S. Ocean Dr., Hollywood,

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

Right-of-way, belonging to the State of Florida and City of Hollywood, including the Intra-coastal waterway, located immediately adjacent to the pump station site (804 S. Ocean Dr.), as well as, properties located, just north of the intersection of SR A1A and Azalea Terrace.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

As part of our emergency response system, the City is seeking the Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase a new, larger capacity (*150 KW*), permanent backup electrical power generator and to have it engineered and installed at the Lift Station site. The generator will include a system to provide the automatic transfer of power from the electric grid to the generator, in the event that the facility loses power from the domestic/public electric grid. The project will include the installation of the generator outside of the pump station and an exterior aboveground 500-gallon fuel tank. This construction will be implemented on-site of the current lift station in such a manner that there is no need for the acquisition of additional land or the encroachment on neighboring properties. This critical infrastructure generator will prevent the interruption of power to the lift station that could be the result of the various natural hazards that may impact the City of Hollywood. This proposed backup generator for the lift station will ensure the continuous, safe, and effective sanitary sewer service to this coastal community.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the permanent installation of a mobile backup electric generator onsite of the lift station to handle any cessation of electric power is an alternative to the design and construction of a permanent one. This alternative is more economically feasible. However, mobile generators tend to have limited fuel capacity and, hence, limited operating time. The latter will necessitate the more frequent deployment of the City forces to refuel them. This challenge will be compounded by a number of debilitating circumstances that could arise during a disaster; namely the limited number of city employees available to transport the fuel and/or are trained to fuel the backup generator, the limited fuel supply, and the number of impassable roadways and bridges.

These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) If no action is taken, in the event of loss of electrical power to the lift station site during a storm event and/or a catastrophe, the City risks long-term environmental damage, threatened drinking water through sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) into the grounds surrounding residential and commercial properties, the adjacent intracoastal waterways, and beaches, as well as short-term economic losses from the impact on businesses and hotels that depend on the lift station for sanitary sewer service.; and Alternative 2) however, mobile generators tend to have limited fuel capacity and, hence, limited operating time. The latter will necessitate the more frequent deployment of the City forces to refuel them. This challenge will be compounded by a number of debilitating circumstances that could arise during a disaster; namely the limited number of city employees available to transport the fuel and/or are trained to fuel the backup generator, the limited fuel supply, and the number of impassable roadways and bridges.

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 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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