

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
November 30, 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 a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Grant.

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:

Bay County, Florida

Project Title:

FMA-FL-2021- 20-Bay County – FMA Home Buyout Program

Location of Proposed Work:

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

Penny Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32413
W 34th Court, Panama City, FL 32405
Colorado Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL 32444
Raintree Place, Lynn Haven, FL 32444
Jamedon Drive, Panama City FL 32405
Kingman Street, Panama City Beach, FL 32408
Bear Creek Rd. S, Panama City, FL 32404

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposed project entails the acquisition and demolition of 7 flood-prone homes throughout Bay County, conversion of acquired properties to open space and deed restriction of acquired properties to prevent future construction of potentially flood prone property and further NFIP disbursements to flood-damage at these sites. Scope of work for demolition activities include: administrative tasks including Title Review and Insurance, Mortgage/Lien Review and Closing; Property Survey; Asbestos Inspection, Tree Removal as needed; Demolition of the structure to one foot below grade; hauling and disposal of demolition debris; well capping; septic system capping and abandonment of utilities, fill, regrading and site work to restore the land to open space and associated permitting.

Acquisition activities will include the purchase of property from the respective owner, which will help finance their relocation to a domicile outside of the floodplain or SFHA as applicable. Demolition activity will entail demolition of the residential property and conversion of property to greenspace. Acquired and demolished properties will be deed-restricted as open space in perpetuity, restricting future construction or residence of flood-prone property. This will mitigate future flood damage and associated life disruptions to residents and families and additionally reduce the NFIP disbursements and the associated burden on public funding.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Elevation of Proposed Projects was considered as a secondary alternative. 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) Elevation projects are expensive and unless nearby roadways and driveways have the ability to be elevated as well, elevation of the structure will only have a partial-desired effect by reducing the flood damages to the building and content, therefore rendering this alternative not practicable.

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 (*or the actual date*). 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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