

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
(10/3/2024)**

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:

St. John County

Project Title:

HMGP-4673- 026-R St. Johns County 14th Street and 16th Street, Elevations

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
14th St and 16th St. in St. Augustine Florida

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project proposes to elevate homes under disaster grant funding. Homes will be elevated at minimum two feet above Base Flood elevation (BFE) to mitigate to the 100-year flood. Homes will undergo permitting, engineering and design, and construction to elevate homes above BFE.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Acquisition/Relocation/Reconstruction was considered as an alternative but was not deemed the most feasible method as this activity would result in considerable maintenance costs and loss of tax base. 3) Elevation is considered a viable alternative type because of the degree of risk reduction versus project cost. The project eliminates most of the flood risk to the homes, allows homeowners to remain in their neighborhoods and preserves the tax base for the community while significantly reducing the various other negative effects of repetitive flooding.

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. 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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