

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
December 14th, 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:

Monroe County BOCC

Project Title:

FMA-FL-2021- #10- Monroe County FMA Mitigation Reconstruction #1

Location of Proposed Work:

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

- Pine Channel Drive, Little Torch Key, FL 33042
- 4th Ave Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050
- 2nd Ave Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050
- 3rd Ave Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The objective of this project is to construct improved, elevated buildings on the same site where existing buildings and/or foundations have been partially demolished or destroyed. The square footage of the resulting structures shall be no more than 10 percent greater than that of the original structures. The Subrecipient will follow Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) guidance and all applicable codes when implementing this project. All homes will be fully or partially demolished and rebuilt to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or 3 feet above the current BFE. The project will comply w/ASCE 24-14, per the Guidance and the project will be designed in compliance with NFIP standards in 44 CFR Part 60.

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 or by **January 13th, 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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