

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Crystal River, FL

Project Title:

HMGP-4280-23-DR-FL, City of Crystal River HMGP Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the vicinity of numerous locations throughout the City. Exact coordinates of the affected lift stations is available upon request.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This project contemplates tackling the problem of increased infiltration into the sanitary sewer system during flood events through the installation of emergency standby pumping systems at the lift stations. The proposed systems are intended to evacuate the sanitary lift stations during power outages (as a generator would) but, equally as important, have been sized to handle the anticipated increase in flow observed during flood events. A total of thirty-four (34) permanent skid-mounted units and five (5) portable trailer-mounted generators are proposed.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the alternative project of slip-lining the City's remaining vitrified clay pipe gravity sewer system using cured in place pipe (CIPP) technology, install generators at 31 lift station locations, and upsize the pumps and the control panels at the contemplated 34 lift station locations to handle the additional flows entering the collection system through manholes and unlined laterals. Pump sizing is also necessary to overcome the certain increase in system head pressures by having most, if not all, lift stations running simultaneously. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) sanitary sewer overflows would continue during flood events and Alternative 2) is cost prohibitive and therefore is not practical.

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 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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