



PRESS RELEASE – For Immediate Release – March 7, 2018

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:

Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

Project Title:

HMGP-4283-62 – Indian River County, 1920s Bungalow, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

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

- Jones Pier Conservation Area, 7770 Jungle Trail, Vero Beach, FL

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Indian River County has prepared a grant application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program issued by FEMA and administered by the State of Florida in response to Hurricane Matthew (2016). The proposed project would involve the elevation of the 1920s bungalow structure at the Jones Pier Homestead from its current elevation of 3.27 feet (NAVD 88) to 8 feet. The structure will be raised via the use of a temporary steel lifting sub-frame and hydraulic jacking system before being lowered onto and secured to a new foundation of tapered, poured-concrete piers and footings. Raising the historically significant structure above the base flood elevation will provide long-term protection from future floods caused by heavy rain storms and hurricanes. Approximately 0.3 acres of the Jones Pier site will be disturbed by the proposed work and the project is anticipated to take 2 years. A start date has not been determined at this time.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) dry or wet flood-proofing. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because Alternative 1) does not provide any protection to the structure during future flood events; and Alternative 2) would require a barrier (i.e. floodwall) and/or earthen levee almost 6 feet in height to completely encircle the structure in order to protect it from future 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 Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (April 6, 2018). 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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