

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
August 12, 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 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: Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

Project Title: HMGP-4399-075-R (State ID #274) - Franklin County, 5 Critical Facilities, Generators

Location of Proposed Work:

Weems Hospital-135 Avenue G, Apalachicola, FL 32320 (29.724790, -84.992820)
Weems Clinic Carrabelle- 110 NE 5th Street, Carrabelle, FL 32322 (29.852525, -84.659281)
Emergency Operations Center -28 Airport Road, Apalachicola, FL 32320 (29.721958, -85.026168)
Franklin County Courthouse- 33 Market Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320 (29.7258506, -84.9830801)
Airport Fuel Island- 8 Airport Road, Apalachicola, FL 32320 (29.721248, -85.034899)
Airport Runway Lights- 8 Airport Road, Apalachicola, FL 32320 (29.723154, -85.028027)

Proposed Work and Purpose: Franklin County proposes to provide a backup power to 5 critical facilities located at Apalachicola, FL 32320 and Carrabelle, FL 32322. The proposal is to purchase and install five (5) permanent generators for the following locations: Weems Hospital, Weems Clinic-Carrabelle, EOC, Airport Fuel Island, and Airport Runway Lights and one (1) trailer mounted portable generator for the Franklin County Courthouse, to be housed at the Emergency Operations Center Storage Shed. The project will allow Franklin County to maintain the identified critical facilities operational and continue to serve the community during future power outages.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) to rent generators during an outage. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the critical facilities would be inoperative during an outage and Alternative 2) at the time of disasters, it is extremely difficult to find generators that are available, and in past storms, roads were not always passable for the first few days which would leave these critical facilities without power. If we were able to secure a rental generator, we would then need to ensure that the electrical components and

other features were installed to adequately power the facilities. In addition, if the power is out for an extended period of time, or you have several outages within a year, it is not cost effective.

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, August 27, 2021. 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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