

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
INTENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING THROUGH FEMA
FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT**

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:

Okaloosa County

Project Title:

FMA-FL-2016-017 Okaloosa County Parish Blvd Home Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

The subject property is located at 505 Parish Blvd which is at the intersection of Parish Blvd and Sandra Drive in the unincorporated Mary Esther area. Other homes in the area include 491, 495, 498, 499, 502, 506, and 508 Parish Blvd; 1003 and 1004 Sandra Drive; and 827, 829, 831, and 833 Linda Drive.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project will consist of elevating the structure approximately two (2) feet on pilings. Fill will be used under the house and to re-grade the periphery of the structure except on the eastern side in order to avoid impacts to potential wetland areas. The eastern side will use a stemwall or other method.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) No action – leave the house at its existing elevation. This is not acceptable as the repetitive flooding problem is not alleviated. 2) Acquisition and demolition. The property owner is not a willing seller, so this option is not viable. 3) Floodproofing. This option is not viable as it is a residential structure.

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 June 13, 2016. 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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