

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
08/28/19**

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 Ocala

Project Title:

HMGP-4337 (State #030) – City of Ocala, Water Resources Department Lift Stations, Generator

Location of Proposed Work:

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
LS #6	1601 SE 14 th Ave	(29.172599, -82.119247)
LS #9	821 SE 23 rd Street	(29.165591, -82.128072)

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This project will upgrade the lift stations by elevating the electrical equipment one foot above the base flood elevation (BFE) and installing a new generator.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) *the* completion of a stormwater management study for the lift stations within a special flood hazard area and evaluation of how to revise the flood zone area. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1 the lift stations will continue to be flooded during storm events and could possibly render spillage resulting in a serious health risk to the community; under Alternative 2 the possible spillage and health risk is still present since revising the flood zone will not fully protect the lift stations from flooding during a storm event, and therefore is not practicable.

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 15 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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