

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

2/15/19

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 St. Pete Beach

**Project Title:**

HMGP 4337- 396 City of St Pete Beach Fire Station 22 Generator Project

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:  
1950 Pass A Grille Way/ 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

*Detailed Project Description*

The proposed project is to replace the current generator at Fire Station 22 with a model more appropriate for the buildings power needs. The current generator is approximately 40 years old. The new generator will enable Fire Station 22 to be fully powered during a utility outage and therefore better able to provide critical public safety services to the community in response to a storm event.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the next best solution is to replace the existing 5kW generator with a leased 40kW generator and upgrade the automatic transfer switch. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) this leaves the building with no reliable backup power source in the event of a storm or power outage since the current generator powers only a couple of outlets which support the communication equipment such as radios, leaving emergency personnel with limited communication equipment, limited lighting, no air-conditioning, no cooking facilities or refrigeration. During Hurricane Irma, emergency personnel were relocated to the main fire station which affected response time to their emergency calls and service. Such limited functionality is detrimental to the emergency personnel working eagerly to serve the community and reduces the overall efficiency of operations and Alternative 2) After researching this option, it appears to be cost prohibitive and therefore is not a preferable course of action. At approximately \$49,099.92 annually, leasing in lieu of purchasing a generator of appropriate size, is not financially feasible.

**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 March 15, 2019. 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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