

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
01/11/2022**

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:**

Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

**Project Title:**

FY 2021 - FMA - Pasco County – Elevation #4

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Single-family home located on Quist Dr, Port Richey, Florida 34668

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The proposal is to elevate a flood-prone residential structure at least 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE + 2'). The structure is located in AE zone with BFE 10 feet NAVD88 and currently has a Lower Floor Elevation (LFE) of 4.8 feet NAVD88, according to the Elevation Certificate. The scope of work shall include building and site preparations, along with the disconnection and reconnection of utilities. The structure will be elevated on stem walls with footers supported by helical piles and a new concrete slab will be placed under the elevated structure. Construction of appropriate means of ingress and egress shall be provided, and all utilities and equipment will also be elevated to the required height. At a minimum, the Lowest Floor Elevation (LFE) of the elevated structure will be 12 feet NAVD88. The proposed project shall mitigate the continuous flooding and losses experienced during past storm events. The habitable living areas of the original structure shall be elevated, and the non-habitable areas (if any) shall be converted to storage or parking. The project shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Florida Building Code, ASCE 24-14 or latest edition, NFIP standards in 44 CFR, Part 60 and/or local floodplain ordinances or any other applicable local regulations. The project shall provide protection against a 100-year event. Activities shall be completed in strict compliance with Federal, State and Local Rules and regulations.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are: 1) The no action alternative, and 2) Acquisition/Demolition. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the homeowner would remain susceptible to flood damages; and under alternative 2) the homeowners would be required to abandon their home against their will and could also incur a higher cost than implementing the proposed elevation.

**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. 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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