

Town of Horseshoe Beach

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JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

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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:

Town of Horseshoe Beach, Florida

Project Title:

HMGP-4734-167-R Town of Horseshoe Beach, Non-Historic Residential, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:

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	107 7th	e Beach,	3264	29.44050					
	Ave E	Florida	8	8	-83.2863	Butler, David			

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61 2nd	e Beach,	3264	29.44356		MISSILDINE,
Ave E	Florida	8	4	-83.285723	GLORIA
	Horsesho				
108 4th	e Beach,	3264	29.44190		MILLER, MARINA
Ave E	Florida	8	6	-83.28544	D

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Elevation of Homes in Horseshoe Beach, FL, involves a comprehensive process to elevate 9 historic flood-damaged homes, ensuring they meet FEMA's new regulations and are protected against future flooding and hurricane damage. This section provides an indepth analysis of the scope of work, detailing each phase of the project from initial site assessments to final inspections and homeowner handover.

1. Initial Assessments and Planning

Site Assessments:

The first phase involves conducting detailed site assessments to evaluate the condition of each home and determine specific elevation needs. Activities include inspecting each home for structural integrity, surveying the surrounding land to assess soil stability and drainage patterns, and documenting current elevation levels relative to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

Engineering and Design Plans:

The objective of this sub-phase is to develop comprehensive engineering and design plans tailored to each home's specific requirements. This involves creating structural engineering designs to ensure safe and stable elevation, developing detailed architectural plans including foundation modifications and support structures, and obtaining necessary approvals from local authorities and FEMA.

2. Preparation Phase

Permitting and Approvals:

In this phase, all necessary permits and approvals will be secured to begin construction. Activities include submitting engineering and design plans to local building departments, ensuring compliance with FEMA guidelines and local building codes, and addressing any regulatory concerns to obtain final permits.

Homeowner Coordination:

This involves engaging homeowners in the planning process and preparing them for construction activities. Activities include conducting informational meetings to explain the process, coordinating temporary relocation arrangements if necessary, and establishing communication channels for regular updates.

3. Construction Phase

Site Preparation:

This phase prepares each site for the elevation process. Activities include clearing surrounding areas of debris and vegetation, securing the home and surrounding property to ensure safety, and disconnecting and temporarily relocating utilities such as water, gas, and electricity.

Foundation Modifications:

The objective here is to modify existing foundations to support elevated structures. Activities involve excavating around the existing foundation to install new support structures, reinforcing or replacing foundations as needed to ensure stability, and installing pilings, piers, or columns designed to elevate the home above the BFE.

Structural Elevation:

Each home will be elevated to the required height using hydraulic jacks and lifting systems. Activities include gradually raising the structure, continuously monitoring the structural integrity during the lifting process, and securing the elevated home onto the new foundation supports.

Utility Reconnection and Site Restoration:

The objective is to reconnect utilities and restore the site to its original condition. Activities include reconnecting water, gas, and electrical services to the elevated homes, restoring landscaping, and repairing any disturbances caused during construction. Final inspections will be conducted to ensure all systems are functioning properly.

4. Quality Control and Assurance

Inspections and Compliance Checks:

To ensure all work meets safety and regulatory standards, regular inspections will be conducted at key stages of construction. Compliance with FEMA guidelines and local building codes will be verified, and any issues or deficiencies identified during inspections will be addressed.

Documentation and Reporting:

Thorough documentation will be maintained, and regular reports will be provided to stakeholders. Activities include documenting all phases of construction with photos, logs, and reports, providing progress updates to homeowners, local authorities, and funding bodies, and compiling a final project report upon completion.

5. Handover and Maintenance

Homeowner Handover:

Successfully handing over the elevated homes to their owners involves conducting a final walkthrough with homeowners to explain modifications and maintenance needs, providing documentation including warranties and maintenance guidelines, and addressing any final concerns or questions from homeowners.

Ongoing Maintenance:

Ensuring the long-term stability and resilience of the elevated homes involves establishing a schedule for regular maintenance inspections, providing homeowners with a maintenance plan outlining essential task, and offering resources and contacts for future support and repairs.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) identify other feasible alternative (relocation, acquisition/demolition, etc.). These alternatives to the proposed project are not

viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) does not retain fabric of the community and is cost prohibitive, and therefore 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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