

City of Cedar Key

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JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE July 25, 2025

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.

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 Cedar Key

Project Title:

HMGP-4734-(080)- City of Cedar Key, City-wide Residential Structures, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

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

Sunset Point Drive, Cedar Key, Florida 32625

3rd Street, Cedar Key, Florida 32625

Andrews Circle, Cedar Key, Florida 32625

2nd Street, Cedar Key, Florida 32625

State Road 24, Cedar Key, Florida 32625

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Cedar Key proposes to provide flood protection to five (5) single-family residences located in Cedar Key, Florida 32625.

The proposal is to elevate existing residential structures to a Design Floor Elevation (DFE) of a minimum of 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or 1 foot above the highest recorded flood level, whichever is higher. The residential properties are prone to flooding during hurricanes and have experienced frequent flooding. This susceptibility is attributed to the properties' locations in Coastal AE Flood Zones and coastal VE Flood Zones within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in Levy County.

The scope of work for this elevation project shall involve building and site preparation, along with the disconnection of utilities at each location. The existing structures shall be raised on new open foundation systems or stem wall foundation system with flood ventilation for the entry and exit of flood waters elevated to

at least the minimum DFE, per engineering designs. The property at Sunset Point Drive, Cedar Key, Florida 32625 shall be constructed on an open foundation system or include the installation of breakaway walls. Geotechnical surveys shall be performed at each property and helical piles may be deemed necessary at some of the properties during the engineering design. The contractor shall tunnel underneath the structure, install beams, cribbing and hydraulic jacks for raising the structure, and raise each structure to the required height by utilizing a unified hydraulic jacking machine and shore up. Appropriate means of ingress and egress shall be constructed to access the elevated living spaces. All utilities shall be reconnected, and service equipment shall be elevated to the required height.

The foundation system at Sunset Point Drive, Cedar Key, Florida 32625; Andrews Circle, Cedar Key, Florida 32625; and State Road 24, Cedar Key, Florida 32625; shall be designed to account for wave action, debris impact, erosion and local scour per the Florida Building Code requirements for Coastal VE Zones as delimited by the Limit of Moderate Wave Action on the Flood Insurance Rate Map. Foundation walls shall automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.

The habitable living areas of the original structure(s) 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 effective at the time of permitting, NFIP standards in 44 CFR, Part 60 and/or local floodplain ordinances or any other applicable local regulations. A final Elevation Certificate shall be completed for closeout to certify the structure(s) was elevated to the required height.

Elevation projects must complete an inspection prior to starting any construction, conducted by a qualified professional to demonstrate the proposed structures are structurally sound and capable of being elevated safely. A copy of the inspection report shall be provided to the Florida Division of Emergency Management within 12-months of the FEMA award date.

The project shall provide protection against a 100-year flood event. Activities shall be completed in strict compliance with Federal, State and Local applicable 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 and demolition of the homes*. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *The homes in this proposed project would remain vulnerable to future flooding events*; and Alternative 2) *The city would incur increased cost of maintaining the open space, and potential ramifications to the fabric of the community*.

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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