

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for City of Fort Myers Beach due to damages as a result of Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice for Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL) was published on 10/18/2022. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding of an action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to reconstruct this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility must remain within city limits and the majority of Fort Myers Beach township is within a floodplain.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** City of Fort Myers Beach
- Project Title(s):** Town Hall Reconstruction
PA-04-FL-4673-PW-04218 (GM PN 705370)
- Location of Proposed Work:** 2525 Estero Blvd. The Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931 (26.44897, -81.94240)
- Floodplain/Wetlands:** Project is located in an AE 11 Zone, per Lee County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 12071C0554G, dated 11/17/2022. The proposed work will not take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The City of Fort Myers Beach intends to reconstruct the town hall building back to pre-disaster function and location. The building will be elevated on box columns/piers 3 feet above the base flood elevation and further modified to reduce the impacts of future events on the new building.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations and has determined it is impracticable as the facility provides a location to store records and provides a location for local government to operate. The no action alternative would adversely impact the community by reducing the effectiveness of the local government and making records inaccessible. No alternative locations are practicable due to the necessity that the town hall be located within the township and most of the township resides within a floodplain.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "FL-4673-PW-04218 PN 705370 Town Hall Reconstruction" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 10th DAY OF January 2025 ~~2024~~

END OF NOTICE