

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
May 2, 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:

Town of Fort Myers Beach

Project Title:

HMGP-4673-(121) Town of Fort Myers Beach, Multiple Properties, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

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

ID #	Address
1	Coconut Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
2	Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
3	Coquina Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
4	Ibis Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
5	Bayview Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
6	Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
7	Jefferson Court, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
8	Mandalay Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
9	Randy Lane, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
10	Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
11	Fairweather Lane, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
12	Tropical Shores Way, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
13	Miramar Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
14	Avenida Pescadora, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
15	Ibis Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
16	Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
17	Randy Lane, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
18	Ibis Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
19	Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
20	Primo Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
21	Donora Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
22	Falkirk Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
23	Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
24	Hibiscus Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931
25	Ibis Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Town of Fort Myers Beach proposes to provide flood protection to twenty-five (25) single-family residences located in Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931.

The proposal is to elevate the existing residential structures to a minimum of two feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). These properties are located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and are at risk of recurring structural flooding. The scope of work for this elevation project shall involve building and site preparation, along with the disconnection of utilities at each property. The existing structures shall be raised on an open foundation and continuous wall foundation per the engineering design to the proposed design elevation. All utilities shall be reconnected, and service equipment shall be elevated to the required height. Appropriate means of ingress and egress shall be constructed to access the elevated living spaces at each property. The proposed project intends to reduce or eliminate future flood damage to these low-lying properties. The foundation system at Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, Bayview Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, and Primo Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, 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. Due to the medical homeowner's condition, a lift platform shall be installed on properties located at 180 Ibis Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931; 1920 Bayview Drive, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931; 7831 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931 and 133 Albatross Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida, 33931.

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 at-risk dwellings. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the frequent and repetitive nature of flood damages affecting these structures places an undue safety and financial burden of the occupants of these structures and on the Public Safety resources of the Town, and Alternative 2) the requirement that acquired real property be maintained as open space perpetually is inconsistent with potential future land use plans and financial forecasting by the Town and may cause ripple effects throughout the social and economic lifelines 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 30 days of this notice (June 1, 2025). 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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