

**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. 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 Fort Myers Beach

**Project Title:**

HMGP-4673-(12) - Town of Fort Myers Beach, Multiple Properties, Mitigation Reconstruction

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Town of Fort Myers Beach proposes to provide flood protection to thirty-four (34) single-family residences located in Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The proposal involves a mitigation reconstruction project in which the new structures shall be elevated 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). The properties are located in a Coastal AE flood zone within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and are at risk of recurring structural flooding.

The scope of work for this mitigation reconstruction project shall involve demolishing existing structures, utility disconnection and reconnection, site preparation, and construction of new, hazard-resistant, and code-compliant buildings. These structures shall be constructed on an open foundation and continuous wall foundation per the engineering design. Additionally, all external electrical and mechanical equipment outside of the structure shall be elevated above the base floor elevation.

The foundation system at 125 Connecticut Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 810 Third Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 103/107 Bay Mar Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 5503 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, 8259 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, FL 33931; 839/841 Lagoon Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 140 Flamingo Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 95 Mound Road, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 833 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 6081 Shelby Lane, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 7930 Buccaneer Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 117 Hibiscus Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 130 Flamingo Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931, and 8 Nancy Lane, Fort Myers Beach, FL 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. Mitigation reconstruction for the property located at 8259 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931, must be conducted outside the VE Zone, as a portion of the existing structure is currently located within the VE Zone. This proposed mitigation project aims to significantly reduce or even eliminate potential future flood damage to these low-lying properties, thereby enhancing their resilience and ensuring the safety of their occupants.

Any enclosed space at grade level shall have hydrostatic vents and can only be used for storage or parking only. The square footage of the newly constructed and elevated structure shall be no more than ten (10) percent greater than

the original square footage. 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. Mitigation Reconstruction projects must complete an inspection prior starting any construction, conducted by a qualified professional to demonstrating that a standard elevation is not technically feasible. 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:**

It was the homeowner's preference to select Reconstruction as opposed to an acquisition demolition or any Alternative Mitigation strategy. This homeowner preference could mainly be attributed to location cost factors.

**Property Acquisition or No Action Alternative:**

If no action is taken the town would continue to experience disaster flooding and file claims to the National Flood Insurance Fund.

**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 (*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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