

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
6/27/2019**

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:

City of North Miami

Project Title:

4337 (384) City of North Miami, Four (4) Lift Station Emergency Backup Generators

Location of Proposed Work:

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

Lift Station B located at 215 NW 135th street

Lift Station C located at 230 NW 123rd street

Lift Station H located at east side of 1370 NE 130th street

Lift Station Breezeswept located at 12690 NE 2nd ave

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of North Miami proposes to install a 40-kw backup generator at each of the four (4) Lift Stations. The generator will be protected against a 500-year flood event by implementing specific activities or by locating the generator outside the SFHA and will be protected against wind with a rated enclosure based on its location requirements. Activities will be completed in strict compliance with Federal, State and Local Rules and Regulations.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are

- 1) The no action alternative.
- 2) Renting portable generators, which would cost more than \$21,000 to the County.

These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under

Alternative 1 These lift stations, located throughout the city, vary in size and configuration and allow sanitary sewage to flow through a pressurized sewer main system. In the event that any lift station ceases to operate due to power failure or malfunction, the entire system fails as required pressures cannot be maintained. Sanitary sewage, then backs up into the system eventually entering homes as inflow/outflow pressures are reversed. Ten lift stations are constructed with the capability to house permanent stationary generators. Six of these ten lift stations currently have emergency backup generators that are permanently affixed to the facility. The remaining four (H, B, C, & Breezeswept) require emergency generators.

Alternative 2) Renting the generators are costly and generators will not be available for rent before a hurricane because there will be a huge demand at that time.

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, at 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 detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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