

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
2/19/2020**

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:**

City of North Miami, Utility Operations Center, Generator

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Located at 1815 NE 150st, North Miami, FL , 33181

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of North Miami proposes to install a 40-kw backup generator at the utility center. 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** The City's Water and Sewer Utility Operations Center is not manned during major storm events. The Utility Operations Center, however, must be operational immediately after an all- clear notice is issued. All Water and Sewer equipment, materials and supplies are stored at this location. In addition, repair crews are dispatched and monitored from the Center during storm events and other emergencies. Installing the emergency generator will help the City to operate effectively.

**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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