

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
August 21, 2018**

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 Southwest Ranches

Project Title:

HMGP 4337-79 Town of Southwest Ranches Fire Station Generator

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project is the Southwest Ranches Fire Station at 17220 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Town of Southwest Ranches will purchase and install a stationary emergency standby 150kw generator set with turbocharged / aftercooled 6 cylinder 6.7L engine. The generator will be wired for 120/240 VAC single phase, 60 Hz. It will be EPA Certified and will meet NFPA 99 and 110 requirements. It will be installed with an automatic transfer switch and a high velocity hurricane zone style enclosure, which will protect the generator from 180 mph winds. The generator will be installed on an existing slab at the Southwest Ranches Fire Station at 17220 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331.

The 2,880-square foot station houses two departments: Station 112 (Davie Fire Rescue) and Station 82 (Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue). The fire station responds to all emergencies within the Town of Southwest Ranches, provides mutual aid to the western portions of the Town of Davie and is part of the statewide mutual aid agreement. The fire department responds to emergencies on US 27 and Interstate 75. The Town also has major businesses within the Town such as a home improvement store, supermarket, bank, gas stations, restaurants, etc. that generate traffic within our Town.

The Town is 13 square miles. If the electricity goes out, the firefighters are relocated to an adjacent city's fire station, which delays response times by several minutes. A generator with an automatic transfer switch that is protected against hurricane force winds will allow the firefighters to work in the station after a disaster.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) to purchase a portable generator on a trailer. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) Without a generator the fire department, which is a critical facility, is forced to relocate to an adjacent city's fire station (Town of Davie Station 91), which is 3.5 miles away, whenever the electricity goes out. Station 91 does not have the capacity or additional bunk rooms to accommodate the Town's five (5) firefighters on shift; and Alternative 2) This alternative would mean the Town would have to find a safe place to store the generator during a

hurricane. The portable generator would be deployed to the fire station after a disaster, which means the electricity would already be out and the firefighters would already be relocated. The Town would have to have an electrician available to hook the generator up after the storm.

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, Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. 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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