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:
Volusia County

Project Title:
HMGP-4486-0027-R (224)- Volusia County, Seminole Drive, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:
The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
One residential home located on Seminole Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Proposed Work and Purpose:
The proposed project is a flood elevation, which will raise the lowest level of this residence to a higher elevation. This would prevent future flooding damages caused to this residence. The current residence is located below the base flood elevation, which caused this property to frequently sustain flood damages. At the conclusion of this project the property will be elevated above the base flood elevation and maintain a minimum of 1 foot of freeboard, as is the requirement by the county.

Project Alternatives:
The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the acquisition demolition alternatives. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding would not be alleviated therefore needs of the homeowner would not be served; and Alternative 2) does not align with the homeowner’s desire to maintain ownership of the property and is a less cost-effective solution.

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. 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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