

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Grant.

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:

Santa Rosa Island Authority

Project Title:

FMA-FL-2016 – 010 - SRIA 2016 2 SRL elevation project

Location of Proposed Work:

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

The homes on this application are Via De Luna Dr. and Ensenada Uno on Pensacola Beach. Via De Luna is the main street on the Island with the closest intersection to the project being Avenida 16. Ensenada Uno is a small street that parallels Via de Luna Dr. and intersects with Calle Traviesa.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This project involves the elevation of two homes on the Island. Prior to initiating the elevation of these homes, a structural engineer will verify the homes are structurally sound and can withstand elevation. The HMA guidelines and FEMA publications on elevating homes, will be followed in the elevation. Elevations of these two homes will include tunneling under the homes, running I Beams under the home, elevating the homes using a unified jacking systems, installing pilings as required by the PE that developed the design, lowering the structure onto the piling system, attaching the home to the elevated foundation, and providing appropriate ingress and egress. All elevation work will be completed in accordance with P-312 & FEMA Pub 550. These properties are located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and will be designed in compliance with NFIP standards in 44 CFR Part 60 and that all elevations will comply with ASCE 24-14, per Guidance. The two existing residential structures are severe repetitive loss structures sitting slab on grade. Both properties sit well below BFE. Elevating these homes 3' above BFE (per SRIA flood prevention ordinance) should eliminate additional flood losses.

Project Alternatives:

The SRIA has evaluated several alternatives. No action, which would leave the home in harm's way, is not an option. Acquisition/Demolition would remove valuable real estate from public ownership and is currently not an option the SRIA is pursuing for these homes. The SRIA consulted with the homeowners and discussed both elevation and mitigation reconstruction. The owners feel elevation is their best option.

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 Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due by March 8, 2017 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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