

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
March 3, 2026**

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.

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 Sarasota

Project Title:

HMGP 4673-273-R (358) City of Sarasota, Public Works Fleet Vehicle Building, Wind Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

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

The entirety of the City of Sarasota is affected; all 55,000 residents will be notified by the City Clerk's office. Public Works Emergency Operations Center (PW, EOC) serves as a hub for communication and coordination during a storm event.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

This project seeks to harden the building envelope of the City Public Works EOC by protecting exterior openings. Hardening of the building envelope will provide protection against wind-borne debris, torrential rain and structure failure. Hardening the City Public Works EOC will help prevent losing operational ability which will allow for the facility to maintain critical operations during and following a storm event. This project will ensure the hardening of exterior openings of the building. If these surfaces were to break during a storm, EOC critical operations would have to relocate.

This will be a phased project. Phase I will include an envelope assessment to determine vulnerabilities and finalize the design. The scope of work for this project includes the installation of high impact overhead rolling garage doors, windows, exterior doors, hardware, and associated structural and architectural improvements as part of the hardening of the building envelope. The installation includes 21 sets of high impact roll-up garage doors to replace existing sets. Existing windows and other exterior doors will be evaluated as well. To enhance this structure, the ridged frames, purlins and bracing may need to be modified. The bottom flange of the rigid frame could have bracing

added to prevent bending in the bottom flange when the frame is experiencing uplift. Bracing may be required in the roof framing and the wall framing to adequately transfer all lateral loads to the foundation.

An architectural and structural evaluation of existing structures for high wind conditions will be needed to finalize scope of work.

Design and installation will comply with latest adopted Florida Building Code and applicable FEMA guidelines 543. These windows and doors will be designed to withstand pressures and impacts of wind-borne debris associated with winds reaching 165 mph in compliance with basic wind speed design requirements for Risk Category IV critical facilities as per the ATC Hazards map (see Public Works EOC Wind Speed Map). No significant negative environmental impacts are associated with this project. All construction and installation-related waste will be lawfully disposed.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) New PW EOC Construction. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) If the current PW EOC is damaged during a storm, the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) Cost prohibitive.

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 15 days of this notice, March 18, 2026. 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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