

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
8/11/2025**

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 Cape Coral

Project Title:

HMGP-4673-0262-R (775) City of Cape Coral, Fire Station #6, Wind Retrofit-Generator-Global Match Recipient

Location of Proposed Work:

Lee County, City of Cape Coral, 4540 Chiquita Blvd., S. Cape Coral, FL 33914, (26.566385, -82.007283).

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Cape Coral proposes providing wind protection and backup power to the Fire Station #6, located at 4540 Chiquita Boulevard South, Cape Coral, Florida 33914. The project proposes providing protection by installing hurricane rated garage doors, doors, windows, and louvers. The project shall also strengthen the current metal roof, which was installed in 2004, by adding steel reinforcements and other structural improvements to bring it up to the current code. Damage to this facility would reduce the city's capacity to respond to emergency situations and delay disaster response. The project shall also provide protection by purchasing and installing one (1) permanent generator with a capacity of 100kW, or the adequate sizes determined by the vendor and/or an electrical engineer during the bid process to appropriately support the critical facility. The project includes the installation of a new concrete pad, sub-base diesel tank, automatic transfer switch (ATS), and electrical connections. The existing generator at Fire Station #6 was installed in 1991 and has surpassed its useful life. An interruption in the electric power supply would result in a loss of service, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The project should protect the structure of the building and its contents and maintain the operations of the facility during future storm events.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the feasible alternative:

Without having reliable backup power during an outage, the Fire Station cannot perform its essential functions to the 18,612 residents it serves in its response district. Personal and emergency response equipment are at risk without retrofits to withstand Risk IV winds.

Fire Station 6 is in southwest Cape Coral and provides essential services like fire suppression, emergency medical services (EMS), and emergency rescue communications. The facility was built in 1991, of masonry/CMU construction on a slab-on-grade foundation. Currently, the fire station has 5 doors, 14 windows, 2 louvers, and 4 roll-up doors that are not up to the current wind protection standards.

The current roof from 2004 is also not up to the current standards needed in this Risk IV wind-borne region building. These vulnerable openings pose threats to the personnel and emergency response equipment and vehicles located inside the building. The current generator is also undersized at 40 kW and has passed its 19-year useful life, age is 32 years.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impact 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. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested people may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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