

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
9/3/2025**

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.

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:

Port of The Islands Community Improvement District

Project Title:

HMGP-4673-210-R (671) Port of the Islands Community Improvement District, Wastewater Pump Stations, Generators

Location of Proposed Work:

*Newport Drive, Naples FL 34114
Peacock Lane, Naples FL 34114
Stella Maris Drive, Naples FL 34114
Windward Cay, Naples FL 34114
Cays Drive, Naples FL 34114
Wildflower Way, Naples FL 34114*

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Port of the Islands Community Improvement District (POI CID) seeks Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to enhance resilience of its wastewater utility system. Under severe weather events, the District's six wastewater pump stations frequently lose power, creating risks of service outages, sanitary sewer overflows, and public health hazards for over 3,200 residents.

The proposed project will procure two (2) trailer-mounted 40kW portable emergency generators and construct a dedicated charging station at the utility site. These generators will be deployable on a rotating basis among the pump stations during storm-related outages, ensuring uninterrupted sewage collection and treatment until permanent power is restored. Electrical modifications will be included to allow compatibility with multiple stations. Fuel will be supplied from existing storage.

Purpose:

The project is designed to minimize the risk of sewer service loss during hurricanes, thunderstorms, and other natural hazards by providing immediate backup power. This measure will:

- Protect public health, safety, and welfare by preventing sanitary sewer overflows and backups.*
- Maintain critical wastewater services during extended power outages.*
- Improve community resilience and reduce environmental impacts during disasters.*

By implementing this project, POI CID will ensure reliable wastewater service continuity, reduce future response costs, and safeguard the health of residents and critical facilities within the District.

Project Alternatives:

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

Emergency backup generators can be provided. The generators would be sized to operate pumps at each station.

One 50kw generator would be purchased and installed at each pump station. Control panels and automatic

switchovers would be provided to switch the pump operation to generator power during loss of electrical service.

Sufficient diesel storage should be provided to allow operation for up to two days. **These alternatives to the**

proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *If no action is taken, the six wastewater pump stations in the Port of the Islands Community Improvement District will continue to experience frequent power outages during hurricanes, thunderstorms, or lightning strikes. This results in repeated sewer service interruptions for more than 3,200 residents, increased risks of sanitary sewer overflows, and potential backups into homes. These outcomes create significant threats to public health, the environment, and the local economy. Because the risks are recurring and severe, the no action alternative is not viable.*

and Alternative 2) *This alternative would involve purchasing and permanently installing one 50kW diesel generator at each of the six pump stations, with control panels, automatic transfer switches, and sufficient fuel storage for two days of operation. While this would provide backup power, it is not viable because it significantly increases costs compared to the proposed portable generator solution. It would also require substantial permitting, additional space at each station for diesel storage, and higher long-term maintenance obligations. In addition, fixed systems remain vulnerable to lightning strikes and surge damage to control panels and switchgear, which could render the generators inoperable during the very events they are intended to mitigate.*

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 (**September 18, 2025**). 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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